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Secretary of State

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th ult. enclosing copy of dispatch No. 41 of the 10th ult. from the Consul General of the United States at Berlin, stating that from and after January 1. 1875. the Mark will be the standard currency in all the States of the German Empire, except the Kingdoms of Bavaria and Wurtemburg, and asking whether it will not be necessary after that date to require all invoices of goods exported to the United States from the German States, other than the two Kingdoms mentioned, and presented for verification to the various consuls of

the United States, to be made out in Mark.

It will be necessary that all invoices of goods exported to the United States, from the States composing the German Empire, except Bavaria and Wurtemburg, be stated or made out in Mark, and I respectfully request that you send by Cable the following instruction to the Consul General,

"Require all invoices to be made out in Mark and not in Thalers, or other silver Money"

The letter of the Consul General and Enclosure, is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be, Sir

Your Obt. Servant

B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury

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Hon. D. W. Mahon.
1st Auditor.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenses of the Supt. of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. for the month of October 1874.

Very respectfully.

A Kohnderman

Director

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Messrs. J. J. Thompson & Co,
* 3. South Front street,
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

In reply to the request contained in your note of the 30th ultimo, I have to say that I do not think the information cannot be obtained anywhere.

Very respectfully,

Director

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Messrs Horatman & Bro
Philadelphia
Gentlemen,

I have to request that you will inform me at what price you will furnish two Brd. Flags regulation size for the Mint of the U States Denver Colorado.

Very respectfully
H Bloodgood
Director

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Alexander Martin, Esq
Melter & Refiner, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir,

I have to inform you of the receipt at this Office of your Commission as Refiner of the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco, Cal.

I enclose herewith blank form of Bond which you will please execute in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ("10,000.00) and forward the same to this Office at

your earliest possible Convenience.

Very respectfully

H Rhinelander

Director.

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Hon. D. N. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenses of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the month of November, 1864.

Your attention is called to the Bill of Jos. Oat & Sons for Copper, Voucher No. 382, amounting to $292.48; the same should be disallowed.

I enclose herewith copies

of the Correspondence between this Office and the Supt. of Philadelphia Mint in relation to this Bill.

And, Very respectfully,
A. Kasson
Director.

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January 5th 5—

Hon J. H. Bennett
Governor of the Territory
Boise City Idaho

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo and in reply to say that an effort will be made to obtain a sufficient appropriation for Continuing operations at the Boise City Assay Office.

Very respectfully

J. H. [illegible]

Director

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Hon. D. N. Mahon..
First Auditor.

Sir.

Referring to a letter from this Office under date of October 24. 1864. transmitting for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco for the month of September, 1864; your attention was called to Payment made C. A. Washburne as Clerk in the General Department at $7.00 per diem, and you were requested to disallow the same in the adjust-

ment of the account. For the reason that the Appointment had not been submitted for Approval.

For the reasons contained in a letter received from the Supt. of the San Francisco Mint under date of the 29th. ultimo, a copy of which is herewith enclosed. I have Approved of the employment of Mr. Washburne, and have to request that the disallowance above referred to may be allowed.

I am, Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

Director.

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Messrs Autenrieth Bourne,
#24 Cedar street,
New York.

Gentlemen: In accordance with your request of the 4th inst. I enclose a copy of the Secretary's circular of January 1st. giving the values of foreign gold and silver coins as estimated by this office.

Very respectfully,
H. Kinderman
Director.

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June 7. 5

Hon J. M. Souder.
M.C.
Dear Sir.

In reply to your favor of 6th inst I have to inform you that the Gold or bullion Value of U. S. Silver Coins is as follows:—
Silver bullion being worth at present 112½ cents per standard ounce.

50 cent Coin 45 2/10 Cents
25 " " 22 6/10 "
10 " " 9 4/100 "
90 4/10 cents to the dollar

Very Respectfully
H Robinson
Director.

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January 7th " 5—

Messrs Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia
Gentlemen

I will thank you to examine the various pieces of Machinery received from the Mints at Charlotte and Dahlonega and inform me whether the same or any portion of it could by necessary renovation be applied for Coinage at Chicago.

In the event of Congress authorizing the establishment of a Mint at Chicago, it will be important to retain as much of the Machinery referred to as possible.

You will also please state the price at which you would in the contingency referred to be willing to sell the Coining Press, which you exhibited

to me, as having been manufactured
for one of the South American States.
I apprehend that the Dies would answer
as well for Striking any Coin except the
Eagle and Trade Dollar as any other Dies
and that you would be willing to dis-
-pose of it on favorable terms to the
Government.

If it should be decided to provide
for Coining at Chicago, it is probable that the
Government would for a time at least
rent and not erect a building for that
purpose and that the engines and boilers
would be procured in that City, it would
however be well for you to furnish me
an estimate of the approximate cost of
providing the necessary Machinery for
Coinage at Chicago on a scale equal to

that of the Carson Mint. We should not
expect to separate or refine the precious
metals at that point and no apparatus
or machinery for that purpose need be
included in your estimate.

I will be obliged to you for an
early reply.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Hon. D. N. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Accounts of O. F. La Grange, Supt. U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal., for the quarter ending September 30. 1874.

Your attention is respectfully called to an item of 24 cents which the Superintendent has charged and for which he asks credit for "an old Shortage existing in the Gold Coinage &c for many years.

I am of the opinion that this item should not be allowed, for the reason that it might establish a bad precedent. Shortage, as termed by the Superintendent, might occur in this cash hereafter and credit asked for the same, and this case cited as a precedent.

And, very respectfully.

A Schuderman

Director.

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January 7th 8—

Messrs Lawrence, Sons & Grinnell
New York.

Gentlemen.

I have received from the Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office New York your bill amounting to $67.05 for Storage, labor and Cartage on 149 bbls Scraps from the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco which has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for Settlement and in due Course of business a draft for the amount will be remitted you.

Very respectfully
&c
Director

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Hon. Samuel Cooper

Chairman, Committee on Commerce

Sir

Your favor of yesterday, enclosing Two letters from Mr. George H. Edelman in relation to the Finance Bill and Mint Matters and requesting me to inform you how far I concur in the same, has been received.

I have read the letters or statements of Jon Edelman, and find they are a revival of charges made by him from time to time, & since the Office of Deputy Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office, New York, - which was created for and held by Jon Edelman - was abolished under the 3rd Sess 38th Congress

Report noticing the various Statements made by Mr. Edelman &c

proper to invite your attention to the
Enclosed Copy of a letter from that
gentleman to the Secretary of the Treasury
dated February 24. 1842, in which,
referring to the Drawback Bill Then
pending in Congress, he expressed,
his convictions that the
business of the Navy Office in New
York could not be transacted so
as to satisfy the public, if the
position of Deputy Treasurer were
abolished.

It appears proper, also,
for me to state, that after the
organization of the Merit Bureau,
he made an unsuccessful appli-
cation for the employment of his
son therein, and for a special

position to be made for himself.

The only suggestion contained in his letter which had any bearing on the Finance Bill, was the revival of a scheme proposed in 1869 by the Philadelphia Mint officials, and which contemplated the issue of a Token Silver Coin about 27 per cent less valuable than the present silver coinage. Mr. Edelman's plan however, is to reduce the weight of the subsidiary silver coin about 7 per cent.

As silver bullion has declined in value more than 6 per cent since the first reduction of the weight of Silver Coin in 1853, and a further decline appears probable, any

further reduction in the Tariff
our already protected Interests
would be open to the most serious
objections, and in my opinion, to
any proposition looking to that end
should not be entertained.

Mr. Edelman expressed his
objection to the repeal of the gold
coinage charge on the ground that
it will be at the expense of the
Treasury to the amount of $100,000 per annum.

On this point I have only
to say that in my opinion the
general advantages to the country,
which will follow free coinage,
will greatly overbalance the com-
paratively unimportant advantage
to the Treasury, which would

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arise from retaining the charge, and in connection with this point, I invite your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter addressed to Senator Sargent on the subject of free coinage, and in which the reasons for the repeal of the charge, are stated somewhat in detail.

In respect to the comments of Mr. Edelman in reference to an excess of expended over income, I have to state that there was a large increase in the amount of billion operated upon during the last fiscal year, as will be seen by reference to my last annual Report P. 7., and which included a

large recoinage of gold on government account, and for which no charge was made. I should hie remark, that the law even did, nor does not now contemplate that the Mints should be self sustaining the charges being required by law to Equal, but not to exceed the cost of labor, materials &c. in the several operations which are subject to charge.

Prior to the establishment of the Mint Bureau, it was not the practice to embrace in the Mint Report any information in relation to Expenditures, wastage, income &c, and this fact accounts for Mr. Edelman not making

a comparison of last years results with those of former years.

His statement that the Government has sustained a loss of about $20,000 during the last four years by a false mode of settling the accounts between the Mint at San Francisco, and the San Francisco Assaying and Refining Works, is not true. What he refers to, is, a distinction which is made at the Mint between crude and refined bullion in assaying and reporting the same, and for a full explanation of which I refer you to pages 15, 19 and 20 of my last Report; and from which it will be seen that

the subject was one of careful
examination on the part of mint
officials in 1892.

Mr. Edelman also makes
cautionary observations in reference
to Section 28 of the Coinage Act,
and which he refers to as requiring
"gold coins at par to be paid for
silver coins". As the
section expressly provided that
silver coins shall be paid out
in exchange for gold coins
at par, and not the exchange
of silver coins for gold as Mr.
Edelman seems to apprehend, it is
clear that whatever advantage
there may be in the exchange
will inure to the government.

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I do assure them that
Mr. Eldridge has not misunderstood
the purposes of the Secretary in what he calls attention
to the subject
with respect to the
appointment under which Sullivan
acted at the San Francisco
Mint. I could by the proper
Course ascertain the exact time
to which the Clerk has him,
& reduce the amount of the
allowance (having previously stated
what one that is). Careful investigation
of conducting the actual expenses
of running the Mint by the Nitro Acid
process, and which was the only
process that could be employed
for want of space, more

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attended with an actual cost
of from 12 to 15 cents per ounce.
Under the arrangement with the
Express the expense was
reduced to 3 cents per ounce,
and altogether has proved a
decided advantage to the
Government and Officers.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Your respectfully
H Lindenmeier
Director

The Statements of the Edelmans are
herewith returned. H L

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January 8th 11 5

Hon B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I am advised that the rooms in the N.Y. Assay Office Building New York, occupied by Messrs Henry Clews & Co are about to be turned over to the United States.

The Superintendent of the Assay Office states that it is very important that these rooms should be made available for the increasing bullion operations of that Office, and Concurring in his views I respectfully recommend that the lease which I am informed has about one year to run be cancelled and the rooms turned over to the Superintendent of the Assay Office, to be hereafter occupied by and used for the bullion operations of

that Office, and I further request that
the course recommended be taken as
early as practicable, the rooms being
very much needed for that purpose.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

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January 8th 1875

Messrs Knehman Bro & Co
Philadelphia
Gentlemen:

You are requested to
Ship by Express to the Mint of the U.S.
at Denver Colorado Two M.F. Bunting
Flags 18 feet long with the necessary Halyards
and Garnaut" your bill in duplicate
to this Office.

Very respectfully
H Linderman
Director

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Sir

Can you kindly
procure a photograph taken of
Mr. Sabin Arnold for the
Life Saving Medal of the
first class. If so, please
send me two or three copies.

Very respectfully
H. Robinson Low
Inspector

W. C. Paynter Esq.
12 & 14 Arch. & 15th St.
Philadelphia

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January. 8 5

Hon. D. H. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the month of December. 1874.

Very respectfully,
A. Loudenman
Director.

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January 9th 5

A King Esqr
New Orleans County Natl Bank
Albion New York

Sir

Your letter of the 6th
inst enclosing draft for $100.00 on
Fourth National Bank New York, with the
request that Minor Coins for that amount
be sent you, has been referred to the
Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia
who will comply therewith.

Very respectfully
A Roberdeau
Director

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January 9 . 5

Hon. D. H. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Account of Ordinary Expenditures of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the months of December. 1874.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

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Sir;

I have received through the courtesy of Maj Genl Humphreys, Mr Clarence King's Report of the Geological Explorations of the 40th Parallel.

As this report contains much of very valuable information relating to the mining interests of the country, and more especially those of Colorado and Nevada. I would respectfully request that you cause to be procured a set of Mr Kings reports for the use of the U.S. Mints at Denver

Hon B.H. Bristow.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Denver. Carson. San Francisco and
Philadelphia. and for the Assay office at
New York

I have the honor to be. Sir.

Very respectfully
A. Kleiderman
Director.

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Treasury Department
Office Auditor of the Treasury
for the P.O. Department
January 4, 1845

Hon. James Polk
President of the United States

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith
a letter addressed to me by the Postmaster
of the City of Washington, dated
January 2, 1845, in which he requests
and requesting me to inform you how far I
concur in the same has been recommended
by me and the Department
of which I am a servant
to inform you from time to time
during the session, and upon
reflection, I am decided in the opinion
that the interests of the service
will not justify a compliance with
the request of the Postmaster
for the reasons stated by him
which I believe that the increase of the steam

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Office in London could not be transferred
back to Satisfy the public, if the position
of Deputy Treasurer was abolished.

The only suggestion contained
in Mr. Edelman's statement in relation
to the Finance Bill, that the annual op-
portunity arising, reference to
a scheme prepared in 1869 by the
Finance Minister, and which
contemplated the issue of a token silver
coinage about 2 per cent less valuable
than the present silver coinage. Mr. Edel-
man's plan is not only to reduce the
weight of the Subsidiary silver coinage,
about 7 per cent.

He was brought and declared
in value more than 6 per cent since
the reduction of the weight of
our coins in 1853, and a still greater
decline appears inevitable, any further
reduction in the weight and value of
our silver would not only be open to the
same serious objections, and in my
opinion a retrograde position. Looking to that
end, should not be entertained.

At the present price of silver 412½ cents per ounce gold the value of one dollar is depreciated to 90 4/10 cents.

An alteration to meet this objection to the weight of the gold coins would be a loss to the Treasury of $100,000 a month.

In this point of view the present advantages to the country, would be the free coinage of gold, with perhaps counterbalance the compensating disadvantage to the Treasury, which would arise from obtaining the change, and in connection with this subject I invite your attention to the annexed ~~copy~~ copy of a letter, marked "B" addressed to Secretary Sargent in that subject of the coinage, and in which the reasons for the repeal of the gold coinage charge are stated somewhat in detail

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In respect to the Comments of Mr. Edelman relative to an excess of expenses over income, I have to state that there was a very large income in the various bullion operations during the last fiscal year, as will be seen by reference to the annexed Extract, marked "C," from my last Annual Report.

In the Expenses of last year was also included the cost of a large coinage of gold on government account for which no charge was made. I should here remark that the law never did, and does not now contemplate that the Mints should be self sustaining, the charges being required by law to equal but not to exceed the cost of labor, material, wastage and use of machinery in the several operations which are legally subjects of charge, viz: Melting, refining, parting, Cleansing of bars, and Manufacture of Trade Dollars

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Prior to the establishment of the Mint Bureau, it was not the practice to embrace in the annual Report any information in relation to Expenditures, Wastage, incomes &c., and this fact no doubt accounts for Mr. Eckman's not making a general comparison of last years results with those of former years.

His statement that the Government has sustained a loss of about $20,000 during the last four years by a false mode of settling the accounts between the Mint at San Francisco and the San Francisco Assayers is not true. This refers to a distinction which is made at the Mint between crude and refined bullion in assaying and accounting for the same, for a full Explanation of which I refer you to the annexed Extracts marked "D" from my last annual.

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Report

Early in the year 1853, Mr. Eldman verbally made a similar charge to the First Auditor of the Treasury, who addressed a letter to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, asking for an explanation, and which when received was referred to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia (Hon. James Pollock) who submitted the question to a Special Assay Commission appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, to investigate the cause or causes of an excess of Assay in the operations of the Melter and Refiner of the Mint at Philadelphia, and then Engaged in making the investigations devolved upon it. After the Commission had Examined the question, and reported its views to the Director, that officer approved the mode of testing the assays

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at San Francisco. The report of the Mintage Commission, marked "E" is herewith annexed.

While the examination of the question was in progress, Mr. Edelman made a Communication to the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of May 23. 1872, in relation to what he termed irregularities in the San Francisco Mint, which communication was a few days thereafter referred to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, who on the 24th of June following, submitted an elaborate reply, which completely refuted the allegations of Mr. Edelman. A copy of the Superintendent's letter, marked "F." is herewith annexed.

Mr. Edelman also made cautionary observations in referring to the 28th Section of the Coinage Act, which

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to be issued to, as "depositing gold coined at par to be paid for subsidiary silver coin"

As the Section expressly provides "that Silver Coin other than the Trade Dollar shall be paid out (at their nominal value) at the several Mints and the Assay office at New York in exchange for gold coin at par" and not the exchange of silver coin for gold, it is clear that whatever advantage there may be in the exchange will inure to the Government, which gains the difference between their intrinsic and nominal value. In other words the Government receives one dollar in gold for the subsidiary silver coin, which at the present price of silver cost about 90 4/10 cents in gold. It is therefore clearly

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apparent that Mr. Edelman
is mistaken in regard
to the provisions of the
section to which he calls
attention.

With respect to the
arrangement under which
Sullivan deposited at the
San Francisco Assay Office
required by the printed
Report in that City,
I have to state that the
effect has been to reduce
the expenses of the operation
(Parting or separating of gold
and Silver bullion) about
one third. Captain Ri-
vers investigation has shown that
the actual Expenses con-
ducting the Parting operation
in the old Mint at San Francisco
by the Nitric Acid process,
and which was the only
process that could be
employed there for many

of Spruce, was attended with an actual cost of from 12 to 15 cents per ounce. Under the arrangement with the Refinery, the Expense was reduced to 8 cents per ounce, and altogether has proved a decided advantage to the Government and depositors.

The statements of Mr. Edelman are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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January 11th 5

Sir

I beg to call your attention to the necessity which in my opinion exists for a small increase of Salary in the case of the following Mint Officials.

Office Director of the Mint

The Salary of the Director of the Mint is $500 less than that of the First and Second Comptroller, and Comptroller of the Currency, and $1500 less than the compensation of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey.

Considering the responsible and laborious duties of the office, as well as its Technical character, a moderate increase of compensation would appear to be just. Being the present

incumbent, makes it a delicate matter for me to urge, but I earnestly request that you will consider it, and make such recommendation as to you may appear proper.

The Offices of Examiner, and Computer of Bullion are important positions, and require to be filled by men of special qualifications. They are now occupied by men of long experience in Mint business and Bullion accounts, and are entirely satisfactory to me. I most earnestly recommend that you will have their compensation increased from $2200 to $2600 per annum.

Mint N. S. Carson.

The Salary of the Superintendent of the

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Cadet Trust is only $3000, a sum entirely too low when the responsible duties of the Office are considered. I respectfully recommend that it be increased to $4500, which will place it upon an equality with the same Office in the other Mints. I also recommend that the Salary of the Cashier at the Cadet Trust be increased from $2000 to $2500.

I have the Honor to be, Sir
Very respectfully
A Richardson
Director

Hon. Benjamin F. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury

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Sir

I have to acknowledge receipt this day, through Prof. Henry of the Smithsonian Institute, of two lead impressions, being the obverse and reverse of a medal struck in Paris to Commemorate the American Independence.

As soon as I can obtain license, I will consider your proposition and write you.

Very respectfully
H Kleinschmidt
Director

Prof. Jules Marcou
Cambridge
Mass.

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Hon. D. H. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Account of Ordinary Expenditures of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La., for the month of December, 1874.

Very respectfully,
A. Loudermann
Director.

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January 6th 95

Sir

On the 11th of June 1894, the Senate passed the following resolution, viz:

"That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to inquire and report at the next session of Congress as to the necessity of an Assay Office at Portland, Oregon, and if there is such a necessity, whether a construction of the same, or purchase from the owners of the present private Assay-Office, would be most expedient, and also as to the expediency of removing or abolishing the Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho."

The inquiry contemplated

by the above resolution has been made, and the following facts ascertained.

The entire bullion product of Oregon and a considerable portion of that of Northern Idaho, finds its way to the San Francisco market either in the form of unrefined bars or the original dust, and is there either coined or exported.

The receipts from Oregon and Northern Idaho reached at one time as high as $8,000,000 per annum, but the amount had annually decreased until it does not exceed at the present time $1,500,000, about two thirds of which amount it is estimated, is marketed at Portland, and

as the material increase in the production of bullion from the mines of that section of the country is anticipated, there does not in my opinion exist any necessity for re-establishing an Assay Office at Portland.

A suitable Assay office having been erected, fitted up and put in operation at Boise, Idaho, it may as well be continued, but the expense of conducting it should be limited to $7500 per annum.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Very respectfully
D. N. Chittenden
Secretary of the Treasury

Hon. Henry Wilson
President, U.S. Senate

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January 12 5

Horstmann Bros. & Co.
8th & Cherry Sts.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen,

I have received your Bill amounting to $69.00 for 2 U.S. Flags and Halyards ordered for the use of the Mint at Denver Col. which has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers of the department for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be remitted you.

I am, very respectfully,
Jno. Linderman
Director.

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Sir

I have the honor to request that you will procure the following Deficiency Appropriations on account of the Mint service for the current fiscal year.

U.S. Assay Office, Newyork

In order to meet the largely increasing Silver Operations in the Assay Office at New York, it is necessary to transfer melting operations from the first Story room in the rear building to the rooms heretofore occupied by the banking firm of Duncan Clews & Co. in the front building, and which will enable the room first mentioned to be occupied for refining and separating the precious metals, and thereby double the capacity

of the Office.

The increased space to be occupied, erection of furnaces and condensing chambers, and the increased operations of the Office will be attended with an expense in excess of the appropriations for the current fiscal year as follows:

Wages of Workmen	$10,000
Repairs, materials, acids and other incidentals	10,000.

and these amounts should be appropriated in the Deficiency Bill.

Mint U. S. San Francisco

Coining operations were commenced at the new Mints during the early part of December 1874, actual coinage being intermitted for nearly

a Month in making the transfer of machinery, bullion, books &c from the old to the new Mint.

To meet the increasing demands for coinage at that Institution, it became necessary to employ additional workmen, and it is estimated that the sum of $37,000 in the item of "Wages of Workmen" and $19000 in that of "Contingent Expenses", viz. fuel, copper for alloy, chemicals, and other necessaries, will be required for the current fiscal year.

For further Explanations please see copy of letter from Superintendent C. H. LaGrange under date of 29th ult.

Mint at Carlon

The insufficient appropriations made for the support of the Mint at Carlon for

the current fiscal year, and the increase in the amount of Gold and Silver separated and coined, instead of being made into stamped bars, as was the case until within the last Eighteen Months, renders additional appropriations necessary, as follows.

Wages of Workmen and Adjusters	$16,000
Wood, charcoal, sulphuric acid, crucibles, fluxes, copper for refining Gold and Silver and for alloy, freight and other incidental Expenses	$ 19,000

Attention is called to the annexed copy of a letter from Superintendent Crawford under date of Nov. 2. 1854, showing the increased appropriations to be necessary, and also to a statement of that Officer showing the Expenditures and Receipts of that

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Mints during the month of October 1874.

The statements covers the operations in the deposit melting and refining or separating rooms, and which operations are subjects of charge; the law requiring the charges to Equal but not to exceed the actual Expense thereof. The month of October was taken as exhibiting fairly the average operations of the Mints.

I would further add that since the establishment of the Mint Bureau, the cost of sulphuric acid, which is the principal chemical used in refining, has been reduced at the Carson Mint from 13½ cents to 5½ cents per pound; wood from $10 to $7 per cord, and other articles in proportion

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The statements are respectfully submitted

I have the honor to be, Sir

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury

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Jany 12th 5

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will procure the following Deficiency Appropriations on account of the Mint service for the fiscal Year ended June 30. 1874.

Mint U.S. Philadelphia

There is due the Adams Express Company on account of transportation of bullion and Trade Dollars, between the Assay Office, New York, and the Mint at Philadelphia for the fiscal year Ending June 30. 1874, the sum of $773.70, and which amount should be provided for in the Deficiency Bill

Mint of Carson

At the annual settlement of accounts for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1874. there was an excess in the amount allowed by law, in the Matter and Refiners Silver Wastage of $ 804.07. and for which an appropriation should be made in order to reimburse the bullion fund to that amount.

The report of Prof. Pohrmier, Assayer in charge of the Mint at Denver, who was sent by the Director to examine into the causes of the excessive wastage, will be found annexed.

For Incidental and Contingent Expenses
incurred by the former Superintendent
of the Carson Mint for the fiscal
Year ended June 30. 1854, and not
Estimated for, the sum of $4000.
will be required.

These expenses appear
to have been proper, and in my
opinion should be provided for.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Very respectfully
A. B. Lindsay
Director

Hon. Benjamin H. Brodrow
Secretary of the Treasury

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Jany 11th 5

Sir

I have the honor to call your attention to the necessity of increasing certain items of appropriations in the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill, under the head of U.S. Mints and Assay Offices.

Mint at Philadelphia

P. 35, Line 842; strike out the words "twenty five" and insert the word "fifty", so as to read, "for Wages of Workmen and Adjusters $250,000," and which will make the amount the same as appropriated for the current fiscal year.

P. 35, Line 845, strike out the words "one" and "ten," and insert the words "two" and "fifteen", so as to read, "for two annealing furnaces $15,000, for explanation of which see annexed copy of letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelp...

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P. 35. Line 846, Strike out the word "five" and insert the word "ten", so as to read,

"for eight on bullion and coin $10,000."

The expected increase in the amount of Silver bullion Transmitted from the Assay Office, New York to the Mint at Philadelphia for coinage, renders an appropriation of $10,000 necessary.

Mint at San Francisco

P. 36, Line 855, Strike out the words "fifty three" and insert the words "seventy five", so as to read, "for Wages of Workmen and Adjusters $275,000.

The occupation of the extensive new Mint at San Francisco, and the estimated large increase in the coinage of gold and Silver, renders it necessary to increase the item "Wages of Workmen" to the amount above stated.

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Mint at Carson

P.36, Line 866, Strike out the words "Sixty seven" and insert the words "Eighty five", So as to read, "for Wages of Workmen and Adjusters $ 85,000."

P.36, Line 869, Strike out the words "Seventy five" and insert the words "one hundred" So as to read, "for Materials, repairs, fuel, light, charcoal, chemicals, and other necessary expenses, $ 100,000"

The increase in the last two items will restore the amounts as originally estimated for, on the basis of the present rate of business, and which cannot be reduced without inconvenience to the public.

If the Bill providing for the resumption of specie payments becomes a law, the refining operations of the Mints and Assay Office, New York, will have to be

materially increased, and the same remark will apply generally to all other operations appertaining to the coinage of bullion, and the amount estimated for will be necessary.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
A Dallas
Director

Hon. Benjamin F. Butler
Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 12th 5.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 11th instant. and take pleasure in sending to you per this days mail, a copy of my last annual report.

I am Sir very respectfully
J. Renwick
Director

W. P. Blake Esqr.
Mill Rock,
New Haven Con.

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January 12 5

Mr John Pastorius.
100 Front st.
New York.

Sir:

I have this day mailed to your address copies of my annual report for 1873 and 1874.

Very respectfully.

H Edenborn

Director.

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Jany. 13th 5

Hon. L. M. Morrill

Chairman, Committee on Appropriations

U. S. Senate

Sir

In answer to your telegram of yesterday, received this morning, requesting to be informed whether I "regard an appropriation for Boise City Assay Office important", I can respectfully to state that the Office being established and in successful operation, it will be well to continue Assay operations thereat. Producers of bullion rely upon U. S. Assays to determine the character and value of their bullion, and would feel the withdrawal of that privilege very sensibly.

The appropriation for the support of the Office may however

be reduced to the following items and amounts.

Salaries of Assayer and Melter @ $2500 Each	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen	1,500
Incidental and Contingent Expenses	1,000
Total	$ 7,500

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Roberdeau
Director

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Jany 13th 5

Sir

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th inst, and also a package containing Six Photographs of the Life Saving Medal design, and Two of the San Francisco Mocker Medals.

Am sorry to hear of your illness.

Very respectfully
H Rodenbaugh
Director

A.C. Paquet Esq.
1217 Nth. 15th St.
Philadelphia

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Jany 13th 5

Sir

I regret to say that I have no reliable data on which to furnish the information requested by you, as to the amounts of Gold and Silver in the United States in each year for twenty years.

The amount of specie in this country at the commencement of the late war was estimated to have been from two hundred to two hundred and fifty million dollars, and of which, from fifty to sixty five million was in Silver coin.

In 1854, the amount of specie in the country was estimated at two hundred and forty one million dollars.

Very respectfully
A. Robinson
Director

Hon. Wm Lawrence
M. C. Washington D.C.

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January 14 5

Thepers Morgan & Co
1219 Callowhill St
Philadelphia

Sir

I am in receipt of an order from the Mint at San Francisco as follows:

"I respectfully request that there may be procured as soon as practicable, two pair of Steel Rolls, the same being necessary in consequence of greatly increased demand upon the Coiner's Department"

No statement as to size of Rolls having been furnished, I ask to request that you will inform me whether Your Mr. Orr who recently

Examined the machinery in that
mint, understands precisely the
Size of the rolls required, and
whether the order refers to
Steel Rolls manufactured in
Pennsylvania, or at Essen in
Prussia. I suppose it is the
former, and if I am correct
in so assuming, please inform
me the cost, and how soon
they can be obtained and
shipped.

If there is any uncertainty
as to the size of the rolls, you may
telegraph to the Mint at San Francisco for
information.

Very respectfully
A. Loudermans
Director

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January. 14 - 5 -

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Medal Fund &c of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending December. 31. 1874.

Very respectfully,
J. Ickelheimer
Director

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Jan 14. 5.

Prof R.E. Rogers
1004 Walnut Street Phila.

Dear Sir.

Referring to our recent conference on the subject of erecting a Refinery at San Francisco, and the understanding then arrived at, I have to inform You that I am now ready to take up the Budget and will be pleased to have You come here for consultation as early next week as will suit Your convenience.

Very Respectfully
H. Kleinschmidt
Director.

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Gentlemen

In view of the increased requirements of the Mints for fine Silver for coinage, I take the liberty of asking what the parting or separating capacity of your works is per month, that is to say. How many ounces of fine silver per month can you turn out as the result of parting gold and silver.

As far as practicable, and you think proper to impart the information, please describe your process, which is I understand the sulphuric acid method. Please understand that I do not refer to refining of silver bullion by melting and pleasing, but the separating of gold and silver existing together in the same bullion.

Your Early answer is requested.

Messrs Balbach & Son
Smelting Works
Newark N.J.

Very respectfully
J. R. Snowden

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Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Account of Ordinary Expenditures of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. for the month of December. 1874.

Very respectfully.
H Linderman
Director.

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Jan 17. 5-

L. A. Garnett. 416 Montgomery St
San Francisco.

In what time could you double present capacity of Gun separating works.

H. Lundeman
Director Mint

Chargé Treas Dept
H K L

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January 18 [illegible]

J. B. Thomas, Esq.,
Disbursing Agent,
San Francisco.

Sir:

In paying the bills and accounts incurred and certified by A. A. Lalrange, Supt of fitting up machinery of the new mint, you will be governed by the same rules and instructions which were observed by you when J. M. Eckfeldt was the Supt of Machinery.

In the case of accounts and bills of similar character to those paid while Mr Eckfeldt was

Supt of Machinery, on the certificate of two of the Commissioners, Eckfeldt and Dalyrange, it will be necessary only to have the certificate of the surviving Commissioner.

Very respectfully,

A. L. Elmore

Secretary.

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Hon. W. Ransom, U. S. Senate, Capitol.

The same reasons for continuing
Boise Assay Office apply to Charlotte

W. Boudinot
Director Mint

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January 19th 5—

Jos Cleveland Esqr
Treas Joseph Dixon Crucible Co
Jersey City New Jersey

Sir.

I will thank you to inform me at what price your Company will furnish the best Crucibles for the use of the Mints of the United States.

Very respectfully
H Eckfeldt

Director

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January 19th 1

Messrs Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia

Gentlemen

You are hereby authorized and requested to Manufacture and Ship to the Asst of the United States at San Francisco Cala Two Pairs of Cast Steel Rolls, at a cost of not exceeding $1000 per pair. as early as practicable.

You will send your bill in duplicate to this office accompanied by Bill of Lading upon which the freight will through rates should be stated.

Very respectfully

Director

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January 20 95

Sir

Under the provisions of the 48th Section of the Revenue Act of 1893, the President has designated you as one of the Commissioners to Examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins reserved by the several Mints during the Year 1894.

The Commission will assemble at the Mint in Philadelphia on the 10th day of February next, and probably be in session for two or three days.

The law does not authorize any compensation for your services, but your necessary Expenses while in the performance of your duty as Commissioner will be reimbursed to you by

the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Please notify me of your acceptance of the appointment.

Very respectfully
A. Dallas
Director

Prof. J. E. Hilgard
U. S. Coast Survey
Washington D.C.

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January 20th 5.

Sir —

Under the provisions of the 48th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873. the President has designated you as one of the Commissioners to examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins reserved by the several mints during the year 1874.

The Commission will assemble at the Mint in Philadelphia on the 10th day of February next. and will probably be in session

George W. Childs Esq
Philadelphia Pa.

session for two or three days.

The law does not authorize any compensation for your services, but your necessary expenses while in the performance of your duty as Commissioner will be reimbursed to you by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Please notify me of your acceptance of the appointment.

I am Sr. very respectfully.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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January 20th 5

Sir

Under the provisions of the 48th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873. the President has designated you as one of the Commissioners to examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins received by the above mints during the year 1874.

The Commission will assemble at the Mint in Philadelphia on the 10th day of Feb. next, and will probably be in session two

Prof R. E. Rogers
Philadelphia
Pa.

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two or three days.

The law does not authorize any compensation for your services but your necessary expenses while in the performance of your duty as Commissioner, will be reimbursed to you by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Please notify me of your acceptance of the appointment.

I am Sir very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Dr. Hollenbeck

Director

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Sir

Jany. 20th 5

Under the provisions of the 48th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, the President has designated you as one of the Commissioners to examine and test the Coins and Weights of the Mints during the year 1874.

The Commission will assemble at the Mint in Philadelphia on the 10th day of February next, and probably be in session for two or three days.

The law does not authorize any compensation for your services, but your necessary expenses while in the performance of your duty as Commissioner will be reimbursed. to you by

the Superintendent of the Philadelphia
Mint.

Please notify me of
your acceptance of the appointment.

Yrs respectfully
A. D. Lendenman
Director

Prof. George Bancroft
San Francisco
Cal

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January 20 5

Sir

Under the provisions of the 48th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, the President has designated you as one of the Commissioners to Examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins issued by the several Mints during the Year 1874.

The Commission will assemble at the Mint in Philadelphia on the 10th day of February next, and will probably be in session for two or three days.

The law does not authorize any compensation for your services, but your necessary expenses while in the performance of your duty as Commissioner will be reimbursed

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to you by the Superintendent of
the Philadelphia Mint.

Please notify me of
Your acceptance of the appointment.

Very respectfully
J. R. Snowden
Director

J. M. Merrick Esq.
Boston
Mass.

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January 20th 1873

Sir

Under the provisions of the 18th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873. the President has designated one or more of the Commissioners to examine and test the coinage and weight of the coins struck by the several mints during the year 1872.

The Commission will assemble at the Mint in Philadelphia on the 10th day of February next and will probably be in session

Dr Thomas E Jenkins.

Louisville.

Ky.

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session for two or three days.

The law does not authorize any compensation for your services but your necessary expenses while in the performance of your duty as Commissioner will be reimbursed to you by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Please notify me of your acceptance of the appointment.

I am Sir, very respectfully
A. Kinderman
Director.

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January 20th 75

Sir:

Under the provisions of the 18th section of the Coinage act of 1873, the President has designated me as one of the Commissioners to examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins received by the several Mints during the year 1874.

The Commission will assemble at the Mint in Philadelphia on the 30th day of January next, and will probably be engaged

Prof E. W. Morley,
Hudson Ohio.

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session for two or three days.

The law does not authorize any compensation for your services. but your necessary expenses while in the performance of your duty as Commissioner will be reimbursed to you by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia mint

Please notify me of your acceptance of the appointment.

I am Sir, very respectfully

R. M. Linderman

Director

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January 20th 5.

Sir

Under the provisions of the 28th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, the President has designated you as one of the Commissioners to examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins received by the several mints during the year 1874.

The Commission will assemble at the mint in Philadelphia on the 10th day of February next and will probably be in session for two or three

Robert Patterson Esq
Philadelphia Pa

three days.

The law does not authorize any compensation for your services, but your necessary expenses while in the performance of your duty as Commissioner will be reimbursed to you by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Please notify me of your acceptance of the appointment.

I am Sir, very respectfully

H Kolmderman

Director.

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January 21st 5.

Sir

Under the provisions of the 48th Section of the Coinage act of 1873 the President has designated upon as one of the Commissioners to examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins reserved by the several Mints during the year 1874.

The Commission will assemble at the Mint in Philadelphia on the 10th day of February next, and will probably be in session

Hon Samuel Hooper
Chairman Coinage Com.
House of Representatives.

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session for two or three days.

The law does not authorize any compensation for your services. but your necessary expenses while in the performance of your duty as Commissioner, will be reimbursed to you by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Please notify me of your acceptance of the appointment.

I am Sir. very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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January 20th 65

Hon B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir.

I deem it my duty to call your attention to the necessity of procuring an increase in the salary of the Superintendent of the Mint of the U.S. at Carson Nevada. The Compensation allowed that Officer under existing laws is only three thousand dollars ($3.000) per annum a sum entirely disproportionate to the duties and responsibilities of the Office, and should in my opinion be increased to $4.500, and which would place it upon an equality with the Salary of the Superintendents at the other Mints.

I also recommend that the Compensation of the Cashier of the Mint at Carson be increased from $2.000 to $2.500 per

annum.

The Carson Mint is separating and Coining the precious Metals to its full Capacity and should be kept in efficient Condition.

Very respectfully

W. Robertson

Director

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Jany 20th 5

Sir

Referring to my letter of Dec. 8. 1874, requesting You to prepare designs for the Metis Medal, and for a Life Saving Medal of the 2d Class, I will thank you to inform me what progress You has made with the work, and how Soon You will be able to submit the designs for my Examination.

Very respectfully

H Rohrdeumen

Director

Herman Faber Esq.
2039 Brandywine St
Philadelphia

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January 20 5

Hon D. N. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco for the month of December, 1874.

Your attention is respectfully called to the compensation paid the following persons employed in the Coiners department, the same being in excess of the amounts approved by me, viz:

Wm. H. Neilson, Second Assistant.

paid at the rate of $2.00 per diem
for 27 days. Approved for $ 6.75 ;
amount overpaid $ 6.75 .
D. Burrell. Weigher, paid $2.00 per
diem for 27 days, Approved for $ 6.75 ;
amount overpaid $ 6.75 .
J. S. Baker. Assistant Weigher.
paid $ 6.50 per diem for 27 days,
Approved for $ 6.25 ; amount over-
paid $ 6.75 .

The sum of these overpay-
ments ($20.25) should be disallowed
in the settlement of the Accounts.

Very respectfully.

H. Kedinderman

Director.

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R. E. Rogers 1004 Walnut Street
Phila:

I cannot come over will expect
You to come here Thursday

Yr Obdt servt
H. Rolandsmaes
Director Mint

Chas Deas Asst Sec'y

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January 20 5

Hon. D. M. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the month of December. 1874.

Very respectfully.
H Koenderman
Director.

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January 20 5

Messrs E. Faebach & Son,
Newark, N.J.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 18th inst, and am extremely obliged to you for the trouble taken to furnish the information I requested.

Very respectfully,

H. Poinsett

Director.

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Jan 20. 5

Dr George Heuston
San Francisco. ~~Cal~~

The President has appointed you
an Assay Commissioner. Notify me
of your acceptance

Respectfully
Director Mint

Chargeable Navy Dept
H B L

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Jan 21. 5

Hon Thomas S. Ashe.
House of Representatives.

Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of Yesterday requesting my opinion as to the probability and policy of Continuing the Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. and whether Charlotte would not be one of the most suitable points in the South for the distribution of Bullion under the provisions of the finance bill recently passed by Congress.

As to the inquiry respecting the Continuing of Assay facilities at Charlotte, I reply that although the Gold production of that Section is quite limited at present, services would seem very desirable, the discontinuance of

the Assays at that point. The
produces of bullion in that locality
are as a general thing small
with very limited means and
are compelled to sell their [illegible]
at home and cannot await returns
from Philad[elphia] or New York

The Assay Office being
established with so diminished
operation at an annual Expense
of only $1,500 and which sum does
not exceed the amount which
would be required for the care
and preservation of the premises.
It would, in my opinion be
as well to continue the Office

In your second inquiry
I reply that Charlotte would
in my opinion be one of the

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most pleasant and convenient route
in the South for distributing Relief
Corps.

Very Respectfully
H. Robinson
Brevet Major

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col., for the month of December, 1904.

Very respectfully,

W Kountze
Director.

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January 21 5

Sir.

I enclose herewith for examination and certificate the Official Bond of Maximilian J. Bongano as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans. La.

Very respectfully.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Bluford Wilson, Esq.,
Solicitor, U. S. Treasury

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January 21st 5—

Messrs Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia

Gentlemen.

Invite thank you to inform me at what price per pound Copper Canisters can be obtained for

Very respectfully
H Rohrdenmann
Director

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Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir, I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho. for the Quarter ended Dec. 31. 1864.

Very respectfully.
J. B. Linderman
Director.

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January 22d 8—

Messrs Powers & Weightman
Philadelphia

Gentlemen

I will thank you to give me the price at which you would furnish the Mint of the U.S. with Corrosive Sublimate, and Chemically Pure Nitric Acid.

Very respectfully
H. Linderman
Director

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Jany 22d 5—

Prof. George Hewston
San Francisco Calla

Philadelphia Mint February tenth

Chargé Treas, Dept.
H R L

A Roudebaugh
Director Mint

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Jany 23d 5

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in reference to the valuation of the Franc and Silver Rouble, respectively.

You state that in the first Circular under the Act of March 3. 1873, the value of the Franc was fixed at 19 3/10 cents, and that of the Rouble at 77 17/100 cents, U. S. Money, while in the second Circular (1875) the value of the last named unit is stated to be 73.04. You further state that both being Silver Coins, you are at a loss to understand why there should be a difference in the value of the Rouble, which

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the Franc remains unchanged.

In reply, I beg leave to state, that in the case of the Franc, the basis of estimation is the pure gold contained in the Standard Gold Coins of France and the United States.

When the first estimation of values under the new law was made, the value in U. S. Money of the standard silver coins of the different nations, was computed on the assumption that the relative value of Silver and Gold was as 15½ to 1, that being the proportion or legal rate in the coinages of the different countries of the double Standard. On this basis, the value of the Rouble

When we came to make the estimate of values for 1875, it was deemed proper to recognize the fall in the value of Silver which has recently taken place, and which appeared to be permanent; and the average Market rate of Silver for 1874 having corresponded substantially to the Silver Trade dollar valuation, the latter was adopted as the basis of estimating and expressing in the money of the United States, the value of Silver and representing certain monetary units, and among them the Rouble of Russia, and as having the additional

Doubt of giving a fixed rate
for estimating the value of
foreign standard silver coin.

I am respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
H. Kohlenderman
Liverpool

Isaac Phillips Esq.
No. 59 Liberty St.
New York.

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Jany. 23 5

J. Latasa Esq.
Vice President, Commercial Exchange
Insurance Co. of New York.
Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 20th inst. to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia inquiring as to the charge the Mint would make for coining certain Silver pieces, has been referred to this office.

Assuming that the coinage referred to, is intended for a foreign country, I have to inform you that the Act of Jany. 29. 1834, authorizes coinage to be executed at the Mints of the United States, for any Government applying for the same, according to the legally prescribed standards and devices

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of such county.

It will therefore be necessary for you to make application to the Secretary of State, stating at the same time, the name of the county in behalf of which the application is made, and authority under which you are acting.

A communication to the Secretary of State containing the information above indicated, will no doubt receive prompt attention.

Very respectfully

W. R. Lindenmuth

Trustee

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Hon. R. M. Taylor,
First Comptroller.

I transmit herewith for file in your office the Official bond of Maximilian F. Bonzano, Superintendent U. S. Mint at New Orleans, executed the 23rd inst. of $10000.00 under a Commission issued by the President of the United States, bearing date of December 15. 1874.

Very respectfully,
A. Rhunden
Dep. Sec.

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January 23d 8—

Jos Cleveland Esqr
Treas Dixon Crucible Co
Jersey City N.J.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst giving the price at which you will furnish the Mints of the U.S. with the best Crucibles is received.

I will thank you to give me the prices at which your Company will furnish Crucible Covers, Stirrers and Dipping Cups. I will also thank you to inform me of the probable cost of Shipping Crucibles &c to San Francisco by Sailing Vessels and as slow freight by Steamer. So that I may be able to form an approximate estimate of the cost delivered at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
A. Kleinschmidt
Assayer

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Office Director of the Mint
Washington D.C. Jany. 25. 1875

Hon. L. M. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

Section 2, of the Act to provide for the resumption of Specie payments, approved January 14. 1875, repeals so much of Section 3524 of the Revised Statutes of the United States as provides for a charge of one fifth of one per centum for converting Standard gold bullion into coin. As the Section now stands, it requires a charge to be made for copper alloy of Gold coins.

Assuming the gold coinage to be at the rate of $40,000,000 per annum; the total cost of the copper-alloy in the same, would be $3685.71. the price of copper generally averaging — 25 cents per pound. avoirdupois.

I am of the opinion that so much of the Section as requires the copper alloy charge to be made, should be — repealed, and for the reason that the whole amount of the charge would be

less than the clerical expenses of calculating the value of the alloy on each deposit, and carrying the item through all the accounts.

I respectfully request that you will consider the propriety of having H. R. Bill 2875, now pending in the Senate, amended so that it will read as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of Section 3524 of the Revised Statutes of the United States as provides for a charge for copper used for alloys, is hereby repealed, and no charge shall hereafter be made for the same, and said section is hereby so amended that it shall read as follows: That the charge for coining Silver into Trade Dollars, for melting, for refining when bullion is below standard, for

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toughening when metals are contained in bullion which render it unfit for coinage; for separating the gold and silver when these metals exist together in the bullion, and for the preparation of bars, shall be fixed from time to time by the Director of the Mint, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, so as to equal but not exceed, in their judgment, the average cost in each Mint and Assay Office, of the material, labor, wastage, and use of machinery employed in each of the cases aforementioned.

The Bill if so amended and passed, will leave the subjects of charge precisely as they are at present, except that of Copper alloy.

I am the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your obedient

Servant

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January 25th 5.

Sir

I respectfully invite your attention to the enclosed letters from the superintendent of the U.S. mint at Philadelphia dated the 7th and 23d instant. together with a copy of a letter from Mr James b. Booth mulder and Refiner of that institution relative to the necessity of an Artesian well for the supply of water for the use of the mint, and submitting an estimate of the probable expense thereof.

The grounds assigned for this necessity are

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Secretary of the Treasury.

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are, in my judgement good and sufficient.- while the benefits accruing therefrom would in the contingencies alluded to in Mr Pollock's communication, be incalculable.

I therefore respectfully request that you cause an estimate to be made for the sum asked for ($10,000), and submit the same to the Committee on Appropriations - with your favorable recommendation that it may be appropriated for in the Sundry Civil Bill.

I have the honor to be Sir.

Very respectfully

A Rudderman

Director.

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Jany. 26th 5

J. M. Dow Esq
Washington D.C.

Sir

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, Estimates the cost of the Nathan R. Smith Medals (copper bronzed) at $1.00 Each.

Very respectfully
J. R. Snowden
Director

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Sir

In reply to your note of the 23d inst. I have to say that you state the case rather strongly when you say I promised you a position. What I did say, was, that I would do my best to find you a position, and that I still adhere to; but it will not be prudent for you to rely with respect confidence on my being able to obtain it for you.

A man of your experience must know that a position, such as you desire, is always sought for by numerous local residents. It is therefore difficult to provide for persons residing in another State.

I will bear your case in mind, and do the best I can for you. I to-

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due to sickness, hoping to say, that I see no immediate prospect of being able to obtain a place for you.

Very respectfully

H. B. Linderman

Locator

A. C. Randall Esq.

No. 1110 Girard

Philadelphia.

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Hon. R. W. Taylor.
First Comptroller.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for file in your office the Official Bond of — Alexander Martin. Melter and Refiner of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco. executed in the sum of $10,000.00. under a Commission from the President of the United States bearing date of December. 18. 1874.

Very respectfully.

A Loudenslager

Director.

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January 26 ⁵

George M Lawson, Esq.
111 Fall st,
Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 22nd inst, I have this day caused to be mailed to your address one copy each of my reports for the year 1873 and 1874.

Very respectfully,
H B Lenderman
Director.

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June 26. 56.

Hermann Faber Esq
Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir,

I have received your designs for the Obverse and Reverse of the Note medal. The obverse is accepted & the Reverse rejected. I invite your attention to the suggestions contained on the Memorandum attached to the design for the Obverse and request that the design be altered accordingly. It is returned by Express to-day and when altered will again be sent here. For the Reverse we shall adopt a Wreath of Oak surrounding space for inscriptions. Please make the required alterations in the Obverse design and return to me as early as convenient. Respectfully

W. B. Sanderson

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January 26 5

Mr Herman Faber,
2039 Brandywine st,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to my communication of this date in reference to the proposed design of the Metis Medal, I have to inform you that I have shipped to your address by Adams Express a photograph of the light house on Watch Hill. You will please to examine it, and make such use of it in connection with the design as you see fit,

the same to be returned to this office by express, at the expense of the Department, when you are done with it.

Very respectfully,
H Rhinderanne
Director

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January, 26 5

Alexander Martin, Esq.,
Melter and Refiner, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir,

Your Official Bond, as Melter and Refiner of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, executed in the sum of Ten Thousand ($10,000.00) Dollars, has been approved, and transmitted to the First Comptroller of the Treasury Department for file in that Office.

I send you enclosed herewith your Commission as Melter and Refiner, signed by the President of the

United States, and bearing date of December. 18. 1874.

Very respectfully.

A Kleinsmith

Director.

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Jany. 27th 5

Hon. W. H. Crawford

Sir Secretary of the Treasury

Prof. Jules Marcou of Cambridge, Mass, has submitted to me impressions in lead of medal dies commemorative of the declaration of American Independence, prepared in Paris, soon after the conclusion of the war of the Revolution.

From the correspondence of Mr. Jefferson in 1790-91, the dies above referred to, appear to have been termed the "Diplomatic die", and from which, medals in gold were to be presented in the name of the President of the United States to the Marquis de la Luzerne, and Count de Moustier. In the same correspondence directions are given to have the dies forwarded to Philadelphia

that City than being the seat of the National Government.

Having ascertained that the dies in question are not in the Mint of Medals, it has occured to me that they may possibly be in the State Department, and I respectfully request that you will confer with the Secretary of State upon the subject, and have the archives of that Department looked over with a view to the finding of the dies referred to, or any other medal dies of a National character.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully

H. K. Linderman

Director

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Treasury Department
Washington D.C. Jany. 28. 1875

Hon. R. C. Fenton
Committee on Finance U.S. Senate

Sir

I am in receipt of your communication of the 7th inst. enclosing a Bill (S. 11) to establish a Mint of the United States at Chicago, Illinois, referred by the Senate to the Committee on Finance, and requesting the views of this Department as to the necessity for the establishment proposed.

I am advised that there are ample facilities at Chicago for reducing ores, refining Silver, and parting or separating Gold and Silver bullion, all conducted by private enterprise, and that City being at a point convenient for the receipt of ores and bullion from the Gold and Silver mining regions, and for distributing coins through the States of the Mississippi valley, coining facilities would appear to be required, especially as the expense of transporting the bullion to the Mint for coinage, and return of the coins, would thereby be saved.

should not hereafter recommend the erection of an edifice to be used as a Mint in that City, as its construction would require from two to three years, and be attended with a greater expenditure than in the present condition of the country would appear to be advisable.

A suitable building in which to erect the necessary coining machinery and utensils could no doubt be rented or purchased on favorable terms to the Government, and be put in readiness for coining operations during the present year.

The Bill transmitted with your note appears to have been drafted without reference to the provisions of the Coinage Act of 1873, and therefore required to be modified in several essential particulars.

I enclose herewith a draft of bill containing all the necessary provisions, and suggest that in case of favorable action, it be substituted for the bill referred.

I have the honor to be,

very respectfully,

Asst Secretary

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

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A Bill

to establish a mint for the coinage of gold and silver at Chicago in the State of Illinois.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a Mint for the coinage of gold and Silver be established at Chicago in the State of Illinois

Sec. 2. That the said Mint shall be subject to and be conducted in conformity with, the coinage act of eighteen hundred and seventy two; and all the PROVISIONS provisions of said act for the regulation of the Mints of the United States, and for the government of the Officers, and persons employed thereon, and for the punishment of all offences connected with the Mints or coinage of the United States, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, in full force in relation to the Mint hereby established.

Sec. 3. That the officers of said Mint shall be a Superintendent

an Assayer, a Melter and Refiner and a Coiner, all to be appointed by the President of the United States by and with the advise and consent of the Senate.

Sec. 4. That there shall be allowed to the Superintendent of said Mint an annual Salary of four thousand five hundred dollars; and to the Assayer, Melter and Refiner and Coiner, an annual Salary of three thousand dollars each.

Sec. 5. That the Deputies, assistants, Clerks and Workmen, shall be appointed as provided in the Coinage Act of Eighteen hundred and Seventy three, and shall receive respectively such compensation for their Services as may be provided for by Law.

Sec. 6. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to procure, by rent or purchase, a suitable building for the use of said Mint.

Sec. 7 That for the purchase or rent of a suitable building, and for procuring the necessary machinery

apparatus and fixtures for said Mint, and for the fitting up thereof, the sum of one hundred and seventy four thousand dollars to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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January 28th 5—

Hon. J.N. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

Inviting your attention to the enclosed Copy of a Communication from the Superintendent of the Mint of the U.S. at Carson, Nevada, I respectfully recommend that a transfer of $308.130.00 in gold Coin, be made to the Bullion Fund of that Mint in order to increase the same to $750.000.00 as requested by the Superintendent thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Jany. 28th 5

Prof. Jared Sparks.
Cambridge. Mass.

Sir

Acknowledging your letter of the 15th inst. I have to inform you that I have, as suggested by Mr. Colburn, requested an Examination to be made of the archives of the State department, to see if the Diplomatic Medal die is to be found therein.

My note to the American Journal of Numismatics, was intentionally obscure, in order to call forth authentic information. As soon as the examination of the archives of the State Department is completed, I will inform you of the result.

Very respectfully
Yr. Obedt. Servt.
J. Pickering
Asst.

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Hon John P Jones
U.S. Senate

My dear Sir.

I have your favor of the 25th instant in reference to the accounting at the Carson Mint for 724 20/100 Standard Oz of Silver and, respecting which there appears to be a difference of opinion between the Superintendent and the Melter & Refiner.

The item referred to is the Wastage of the Melter & Refiner in excess of the Legal allowance at the last annual settlement of his accounts, and must stand as a charge against him until Relieved by an application by Congress and for which an

estimate was transmitted some days
since to the Committee (H.R) of appropria
tions.

Very respectfully
H. Edmonds
Director

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January 29th 75

Hon B.H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

Enclosed herewith I transmit the accounts of the Publishers of the "Engineering and Mining Journal" for the Calendar year 1875. and of the "Treasurer from August 15 1874. to August 15 1875. for copies of those journals furnished for the use of this office, and which I have to request you will cause to be paid.

Very respectfully
H. Edwards
Director

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Jany. 29th 5

Sir

I have to request that the following coins may be purchased in London, for the use of this Office.

One - 8 Florin-20 franc Gold Coin of Austria
One - Silver Florin of Austria
One - 20 Crown Gold Coin of Denmark, Sweden and Norway
One - Gold coin, 100 Piasters of Egypt
One - Silver coin 20 Piasters of Egypt.
One - Gold Yen of Japan
One - Silver Yen of Japan
One - Rupee of 16 annas (silver) of India
One - Florin (silver) of the Netherlands
One - Rouble of 100 Copecks (silver) of Russia
One - gold coin of 5 Pesetas - Spain
One - gold coin of 25 Piasters - Turkey

Upon receipt of the coins, and a

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bill Coming the Cash of the Same,
I will forward to Your address
a draft for the amount.

My respectfully
H Rhinderman
Succtr

B. F. Stevens Esq
U. S. Diplomatic Agent
17 Henrietta St
Covent Garden, London.

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Jany. 29th 5

Hon. B. H. Paulson
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir-

Prof. Jules Marcou of Cambridge, Mass., has submitted to me impressions in lead, of medal dies, prepared in Paris soon after the conclusion of the war of the Revolution.

From the correspondence of Mr. Jefferson in 1790-91, the dies above referred to, appear to have been termed the "Diplomatic die", and from which medals in gold were to be presented in the name of the President of the United States to the Marquis de la Luzerne and Count de Moustier. In the same correspondence, directions were given to have the dies forwarded to Philadelphia, that City then being the Seat of the National Government.

Having ascertained that the dies in question are not in the French Mint of Medals, it has occurred to

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me, that they may possibly be in the State Department.
and I respectfully request that you will confer with
the Secretary of State upon the subject, and have
the archives of that Department looked over with a
view to the finding of the dies referred to, or any
other Medal dies of a National character.

I would also recommend, that the
dies, if found, be sent to the Mint at Philadelphia,
where dies of a National character are preserved, and
where the greatest care is exercised in their preservation,
and that bronze medals may be struck therefrom,
and added to the list of public medals.

I have the honor to be,

very respectfully

W. Lindenau

Director

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Messrs Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia

Gentlemen

The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has made a requisition upon this Office for a "new Centre piece" for the Coining Press "flat" which I have to request that you will manufacture and ship without delay forwarding your account in duplicate accompanied by Bill of Lading to this Office.

I will thank you to inform me how you account for the centre piece of the "flat" going out of order.

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You are requested to use the best steel to be obtained, and to exercise great care in the manufacture of the Centre Piece ordered, as the sudden giving out of the same would result in great embarrassment at the San Francisco Mint.

Very respectfully

A Roundeau

Director

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January 29 5

Herman Faber Esq.
2039 Brandywine St. Philadelphia

Please be here to Morrow Morning. Bring all designs with you, and stay with us one or two days. Your expenses will be paid.

Chge. Insp. Dept
H.R.L.

H Klinderman
Director

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Aug. 31st 5

Baron de Bussierre
Director of the Mint at Paris

Sir

I find I am under the necessity of again trespassing upon your time and kindness, but if the request I now make will subject you to any inconvenience, I beg that you will not trouble yourself to furnish the information asked for.

The recent extensive developments on the great Comstock Mine in the State of Nevada, and the intended substitution of Silver coin for the fractional currency now in circulation in the United States, renders it necessary to greatly increase our refining or separating facilities. In prepar-

to equip in connection with the new
Mint at San Francisco a Sulphuric
acid Refinery of a capacity sufficient
for separating from one million
to one and a half million ounces
troy, of silver per month.

The bullion from the
Great Mine referred to, contains
about sixty per cent of Silver,
and forty per cent of gold, and
it is Estimated that the gross
production will not be less
than three million dollars
per month; after the 1st of
April next, and will increase
considerably thereafter, as
additional Milling Capacity
is provided.

I would over to Dance
the great advantages derived
from the Sulphuric acid
process, and as Such Science
and Skill invented in ~~y~~
Naturally look to the Same
quarter for the latest im-
provments in the process.

I should be greatly
obliged, if you would furnish
me with a detailed description
of the process as now con-
ducted in your Country, and
would be quite willing to
make Such compensation as
you might deem proper, to
any person who under your
direction, would prepare the

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description requested; also for any drawings you may deem necessary to illustrate the plank of a Refinery, of the capacity above referred to.

It is our intention to equip the Refinery in two large rooms of the new Mint building, and conduct the sulphate of copper liquid into vats outside the building for crystalization.

Generally there is a fair market for blue vitriol, but if there is any process which admits of completing the refining without the manufacture of

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that by-product, I should be
glad to be informed accordingly.

With Sentiments of
high esteem,

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully

J. F. Robinderman

Director

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January 20 5

Hon. D. M. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir, I transmit herewith for adjustment the Account of (Ordinary) Expenditures of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. for the month of November. 1874.

Very respectfully.
J. P. Rodenbaugh
Director.

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January 30th 5—

Julius Mersback Esq
San Francisco Cal

Sir.

Your letter of the 19th instant enclosing draft drawn by "The Anglo Californian Bank on Messrs J & H Selig man & Co for $200 in gold and requesting that 200 $ gold pieces be sent you is received.

Your request will be complied with by the Superintendent of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia. to whom your letter & draft has been forwarded.

Very respectfully

J. R. Snowden

Director

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January 20 5

Hon. D. M. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for adjustment the supplemental Account of Ordinary Expenses of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1874.

Very respectfully,
A. Loudermilk
Director.

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February 1. 5.

Hon James Monroe
Sec
Dear Sir,

In reply to the inquiry contained in your favor of the 29th ult. I have to inform you that upon your recommendation, Asp Edwin Morley, of Ohio, was on the 19th ult. designated by the President as one of the Commissioners for testing the Gold and Silver Coinage, at the Philadelphia Mint, on the 10th inst. and has accepted the appointment.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Alex'r Grant
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

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February 1st 1855

Messrs Thos H Emerson & Bro
McKinney Texas
Gentlemen

Your letter of the 25th ultimo enclosing your draft on Messrs Donnell Lawson & Co New York for $300. and requesting that the amount be returned to you in four (5) Cent Nichels is received. Your letter has been referred to the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint Philadelphia who will comply with your request.

Very respectfully
A. Dallas
Director

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Feby 20 5

Sir

Your letter of the 27th ult., addressed to the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia, has been referred to this office.

I suppose your inquiry as to how soon the Mints will be ready to send change to the Banks in exchange for legal tenders, refers to the section of the law for the resumption of specie payments, requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to redeem the fractional notes in Silver coin.

It will probably be some months before the amount of Silver coin necessary to commence such redemption can be manufactured.

Very respectfully
H. Linderman
Director

Chas. Schultz Esq
Cashier, 1st National Bank
Oshkosh.
Wis.

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February 20 1875

Sir

I have received your letter of the 30th ultimo, in which you claim that the expenses attending the transportation of certain silver coin from the mint at Philadelphia to you, should be defrayed by the Government.

Section 27 of the Coinage act of 1873, authorizes the payment out of the silver profit fund of the expenses of distributing silver coin as hereinafter provided.

Section 28 of the same act of 1873, makes it

L. J. Gage Esq.
Cashier 1st National Bank
Chicago Ills.

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is lawful to transmit from time to time parcels of silver coin to the Assistant Treasurers. Depositaries, and other offices of the United States under general regulations proposed by the Director of the mint and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The above are the only provisions of law upon the subject. and by which it will appear that the authority to pay the expenses of distributing silver coins applies only to Government offices

Your claim cannot be allowed under the law.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H R Linderman
Director

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February 2nd 5

William A. Potter Esqr
Supervising Architect
Sir.

Will you please inform me whether the patterns for the Pay Office at Helena Montana Territory have been Completed

Very respectfully
H. Rhinelander
Director

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Feb. 3. 5.

E. S. Renwick Esq.
19 Park Place N.Y.

Sir.

I duly received
Yours letter of the 22d. ult. stating that
Dr Miller had by letter authorised the
Sale of his Patent on the terms and
conditions stated in my letter of June
22d. 1874. Whilst I have not altered my
opinion as to the value of the oil Gilder
Refining process I prefer that the
question should be submitted to Congress
as it now does until the next session
of Congress and this for the reason that
We are not asking for any appropriation
not actually necessary.

Very Respectfully
W. K. Newton
Director.

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February 5

Sir

In answer to your communication of the 1st instant I have to inform you that I have sent by mail this day, ten copies of my Annual Report together with copies of the Coinage law of 1873, and also copies of the "Laws of the United States relating to the reservation of coins for the annual assay and to the duties of the Commission"

I am Sir very respectfully.

A Loudermann

Director.

Hon J. Money Esq
U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

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July 24 5

Prof. George Newton
Continental Hotel
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Your telegram informing me of your safe arrival in Philadelphia reach this morning. Am glad to hear you got through safely, and hope to have the pleasure of seeing you at the Assay on Tuesday or Wednesday next.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Feby. 5th

Hon. John Cadwalader
Chairman, Assay Commission
Sir

The Commission for testing the Coinage of the year 1874, will meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on the 10th inst.

In order that you may have the matter before you in advance of the assembling of the Commission, I have to inform you of the following changes in the Offices of the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, and Melter and Refiner of the Mint at San Francisco.

On the 8th of September 1874 Mr. James Crawford entered upon his duties as Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, vice T. J. Postich resigned

On the 8th of October 1874, Mr. Alexander Martin was appointed Acting Melter

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Department of the Mint at San Francisco, Sep. 2. 1854.

Sir

I have the honor to report that Jerome Dodge and Lyndon Kaeding did on the forenoon of this day. Jas Dunton was subsequently sworn and commissioned as Melter and Refiner and entered upon his duties on the 11th day of August 1854.

The coinage of the Mint & Assay Office at San Francisco will during the current fiscal year be divided into two periods as follows, viz:

Coinage of Mint & Assay Office

From January 1st to Sept. 30th inclusive

" Sept. 30th " Dec. 31st "

Coinage of Mint & Assay Office

From January 1st to Oct. 31st inclusive

" Oct. 31st " Dec. 31st "

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt

A. Pollinderman

Director

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February 11 1856

Hon A H Bristow.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a communication from O M Lafrange, Supt of Machinery new mint at San Francisco, dated the 22nd ultimo, in reference to a claim of Messrs H J Boyd & Co, amounting to the sum of $20,892.50, being for materials supplied and work performed by them in furnishing placing and putting up machinery for the new mint, and not included in their written

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contract for engines, boilers, shafting, &c, dated November 20th 1873.

The bill of items embraced in this claim, report of the experts who examined the work and the reply of Messrs Booth & Co thereto and in support of their claim, are also transmitted herewith.

Soon after my arrival in San Francisco in October last, the existence of this claim was made known to me. I decided that it was not competent for the Commissioners, or myself as Director of the Mint, to authorize the payment of this

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bill in question, and that the case would have to be submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury. My reason for this conclusion was that the contract prohibited any allowance for alterations in plans or extra work unless upon a written order of the Superintendent of Machinery.

The case was somewhat complicated by the sudden death of Mr Ekfeldt, who was the Superintendent of Machinery, and which left the Commissioners without information as to what alterations and extra work he had actually

authorized).

I am satisfied that Messrs. Booth & Co are justly entitled to the amount awarded by the experts, Messrs Orr and Eppelsheimer, and possibly something in excess of the same.

The question which I desire to submit is: Whether the Commissioners of Machinery have the right to settle the bill referred to.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obdt servant,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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February 5 1875

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month of January, 1875.

Very respectfully.

J. Kinderman
Director.

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Messrs Drexel & Co.

Gentlemen

In compliance with your request of the 4th inst. I enclose two copies of Department Circular No. 6. fixing the custom house valuation of foreign coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Messrs Aug. Belmont & Co.
New York

Gentlemen

In reply to your inquiry respecting Silver, contained in your letter of the 2d inst., You are informed that the Department is prepared to purchase Silver to the amount of two million dollars, either in fine bars, or Silver alloyed with not more than one tenth copper, and in condition for coinage without refining, at the rate or price of one hundred and eleven and a half cents per ounce troy, U. S. Standard, nine tenths fine, to be delivered to the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, at the rate of not less than

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five hundred and ninety seven thousand, nine hundred and seven ounces per month, payments to be made in gold coin as soon as the fineness and value can be ascertained by U. S. assay.

This offer to be accepted or declined within ten days from this date.

Very respectfully

Your ob. servt.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

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Executive Mansion
Washington D.C. July 8. 1875

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir-

The following named gentlemen are hereby designated as Commissioners to examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins assayed by the several Mints during the year 1874 pursuant to the provisions of Section 18 of the Coinage Act of 1873. (Section 3547 R.S.)

E. B. Elliott Esq. Washington D.C.
vice Hon. Samuel Hooper, declined
Prof. Joseph Lovering Philadelphia Pa.
vice Robert Patterson Esq, declined.

Very respectfully

U. S. Grant

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Feby. 8th 5

E. B. Elliott Esq.
Washington DC

Sir

The President has this day appointed you Commissioner, in the place of Hon. James Harper, declined, to examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins issued by the several Mints during the year 1874.

The Commission will assemble at the Mint in Philadelphia, on Wednesday, the 10th inst.

I am respectfully
Yr Obdt Servt
Director

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February 8th 5—

Prof Joseph Pancoast
Philadelphia

Sir:

The President has this day appointed you one of the Commissioners to examine and test the fineness and weight of the Coins received by the Several Mints during the year 1874

The Commission will assemble at the Mint in Philadelphia on Wednesday the 10th instant. at 10 O.clock A.M.

Very respectfully
H Richardson
Director

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Hon Moses H. Field.
M.C.
Dear Sir.

In reply to your letter of yesterday I have to inform you that the dies for life saving medals of the first class are now being engraved and will be finished in three months.

Mr John Horn Jr will receive the first Medal struck and which will contain suitable inscriptions descriptive of his heroic deeds in the saving of human life at the peril of his own life

Very Respectfully
H. Linderman
Director

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February 10th 5

Sir—

Your letter of the 3d instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been by that officer referred to this office and in reply I send you by to days mail a copy of my first annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1873. - also a copy of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury for 1872. which also contains the report of the Director of the mint for that year.

I am Sir very respectfully

R. E. Preston

for the Director

W E Winner Esq.
Kansas City Mo.

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H. R. Linderman, Director
Cen U.S. Mint Philadelphia

Comptroller decides that purchases for
expenses of Assay Commissioners be taken
in the form heretofore employed

R. E. Preston,

Cy Treas Dept

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February 12th 5

Sir

As requested in your letter of the 6th instant addressed to the Assistant Treasurer, I send you by todays mail a copy of my report on the wastage of Silver Bullion in the Melter and Refiners department.

I am Sir very respectfully
R. S. Reed
for the Director.

Col Wm Ross Esq
Care of Mernaud Jaccard & Co.
Odd Fellows Hall
St Louis Mo.

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February 13th 75

Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the Assay Commission which met at the Mint in Philadelphia on the 10th inst., to examine and test the coins reserved by the several Mints for that purpose, during the year 1874, concluded its labors on Thursday last, by the adoption of the following Resolution.

"Resolved, That the Assay Commission have examined and tested the reserved coins of the several Mints for the year 1874, and in ascertaining that these coins do not differ from the Standard fineness and weight, by a greater deviation than is allowed by law, the trial is considered and reported as Satisfactory."

The test made, shows that our gold and silver coinage conforms very closely

to the Standard of weight and fineness, the deviations being far within the prescribed limits, and is an evidence of the skill and faithfulness with which the coinage operations of the last year have been conducted.

I have the honor to be,

very respectfully

A. R. Linderman

Director

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February 13 5

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. for the quarter ending December 31. 1874.

Very respectfully,
A. Loudermilk
Director.

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Hon John P. Jones
U.S. Senate.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 9th instant inclosing letters of James Crawford Esqr Superintendent of and Otto Speinhood a Clerk in the Mint of the U.S. at Carson Nevada, asking the allowance of the sum of $300. paid Mr Speinhood as Compensation for extra duties performed during the months of August September and October last.

I regret to inform you that the law leaves me no discretion in such matters, an officer or clerk cannot lawfully be paid or allowed any sum in excess of the Salary fixed by law. It is different in the case of workmen who receive per diem Compensation, the number

of working hours for them being fixed by
law and who under proper circumstan
ces can be and are paid for labor per
formed in excess of a legal days work.

Very respectfully

H. Richardson

Director

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Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.
Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Accounts of F. D. Helmes, Asst at Carson City, Nevada, for part of the 3d Quarter 1874, ending September 8 1874.

The Supt's letter omitted in forwarding the above, was written for on the 3d inst, and will be furnished you as soon as it is received at

this Office.

Very respectfully.
H. Lindeman
Director.

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February 13th

Messrs. T. J. Pratt & Son
Washington D.C.
Gentlemen.

Your's letter of the 11th instant enclosing Check on Assistant Treasurer U.S. Philadelphia for $100. and requesting that the account thereof be transmitted to "The National City Bank Boston Mass." in One cent Coins, has been received and referred to the Superintendent of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia who will comply with your request.

Very respectfully

A. Loudermuen

Director

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February 8th 1848

Hon Lewis S Hamiel
U.S Senate
Sir.

I had the honor to be present to day while the Sub Committee of the Committee on Finance was considering the subject of establishing a Mint in the North West and heard the statements and representations made in support of Chicago Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St Louis, and Omaha as suitable points respectively for the location of a Mint.

At the conclusion of the hearing you requested that any suggestions which I might have to submit upon the subject should be offered at a full meeting of the Committee, As I shall be absent from the City for three or four days attending the annual trial of the Coinage at the Mint

the U.S. Philadelphia, I deem it proper
to communicate my views in writing.
Nearly all of the gold produced from the
mines of the United States contains Silver
in sufficient quantities to require it to be
separated before the gold can be brought to
the legal Standard for Coining the same.
The remark applies to Silver which usually contains
Gold in partible quantity.

In all cases where mixed bullion
brought to the Mints the two metals are
separated the one from the other except
when the Silver contained in gold and
Gold contained in Silver bullion is of such
small per centage as will not when
separated defray the expenses of the parting
or separating Operation It follows there
fore that the proposed Mint should be

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located at a point where Sulphuric acid for the parting operation can be obtained at a cost not exceeding the price in New York or San Francisco

It appears from the statements of the parties that Sulphuric acid is manufactured at St Louis and Chicago at a price corresponding very nearly with the price for that article at New York and San Francisco

It further appears that the only place among those named for the location of the proposed Mint which has a Separating works in condition for immediate use is Chicago. A Mint located in that City would therefore receive bullion in condition for Coinage without preparation on the part of the Government for Conducting that operation. With respect to the

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advantages of location for receiving
bullion, I do not see that there is any
material difference in favor of any one
of the places named over another, and each
of them would find the location at any one
point named of advantage as against ~~over~~ Sending
their bullion to Philadelphia or New York
for coinage.

The operations of a Mint located
in any one of the Cities named would be
confined principally to the manufacture
of the Subsidiary Silver Coins, and which
being manufactured Solely on account
of the government would be distributed
by it to the various depositaries contiguous
thereto and the expenses of such distribution
paid out of the profits on said Coinage.

Very respectfully
W. Rodman
Director

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Feby. 15th 5

Messrs Reese & Brother
No. 6 West State St.
Trenton, N.J.

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 11th inst. to the Comptroller of the Treasury, has been referred to this office for reply.

The Coinage Act of 1873, provides that "any gold coin of the United States, reduced in weight by natural abrasion not more than one half of one per centum below the standard weight prescribed by law, after a circulation of twenty years, as shown by its date of coinage, and at a ratable proportion for any period less than twenty years, shall be received at their nominal value by the U.S. Treasury and its offices."

Gold coins abraded more

than one half per cent, are, therefore, not receivable at their nominal value at the Treasury, and if sent to the Mint for re-coinage, the loss falls upon the holder of the coin, the re-coinage being, however, without charge.

Your 2nd plan would be to take coin aboarded more than one half per cent, at their bullion value only. Gold is valued in our coinage at the rate of 25 8/10 grains U.S. Standard, 9/10ths fine to the dollar.

I do not understand why these light pieces should find their way from the Pacific Coast to Denver. Possibly they have been fraudulently reduced, and are purposely sent to

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an interior point, where their actual value is not so carefully noted as in large commercial cities.

If not too much trouble, I would thank You to mark each piece offered, say within a month, and note the actual mark and date of issue in each case, and inform me of the results.

Very respectfully

W. B. Lindemuth

Director

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Messrs Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia

Gentlemen:

Upon letter of the 12th instant enclosing in duplicate bill for twelve (12) Steel Collar and Six (6) Steel ball forgings for the Mint at Carson, and bill of Lading showing Shipment of the same is received. As the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Carson Mint is exhausted you will have to await the passage of the Deficiency bill before payment of the account transmitted by you can be made.

I will thank you to furnish this office with the date of the order for the above mentioned articles and by whom given.

Very respectfully

J. Robinson

Director

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Sir—

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant. I have sent to your address by todays mail a copy of my annual report.

I would refer you to a work published by Messrs J.B. Lippincott & Co. of Philadelphia prepared and arranged under the direction of James Ross Snowden Esq as being the most thorough description of Ancient and modern Coins

I am Sir very respectfully

H Linderman

Director

John Sorley Esq

144th Street.

Fourth house East of Willis Avenue

New York City N.Y.

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February 16th 5

Herman Haber Esqr
Philadelphia

Sir.

Enclosed herewith find vouchers in duplicate for expenses incurred by you in visiting Washington at my request for consultation in regard to design of the "Mills" Medal. Which you are requested to sign and return to this Office with your Hotel bills attached.

Very respectfully
H Linderman
Director

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Hon. D. H. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

Referring to a letter from this Office under date of October 1874, in which your attention was called to payments made to T. J. Moore, Laborer, in the General Department of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco for the months of August and September, 1874, and requesting that the same be disallowed. I have to inform you that I have disapproved the appointment of Mr. T. J. Moore for

laborer in that institution to take
effect August 1. 1874. at a compensation
of $5.00 per diem for the month of
August and $20.00 per month
for September and October.

I have to request that the
amounts disallowed in this case
may be allowed.

Very respectfully,
H Bateman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, for the month of January, 1875.

Very respectfully.

H. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of James Crawford, Supt. U.S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, for the month of December, 1874.

Very respectfully.
J. Johnson
Director.

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Sir.

I have sent to you in this days mail copies of the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury for the fiscal years ending June 30. 1864. 67. and 68.

I also take pleasure in sending copies of my annual report for 1873. and 74.

I am very respectfully

Thos. A. Brown

For the Director.

Maj C. O. Nichols

U S A. O.R.

Springfield Mass.

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Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I have to acknowledge the reference to this Office for report, of a letter under date of the 13th inst, from the Asst. Treasurr at New York, in which that Officer requests information respecting the provisions of Section 28th of the Coinage Act of 1873. (Revised Statutes, Sect. 3527, P. 490)

Under the Coinage Act, Silver coins of less denomination than the dollar, are manufactured and issued on Government account only, the bullion for such coinage being purchased with

gold coins from the bullion fund, and the coins when manufactured, are exchangeable at the several Mints, and Assay Office in New York City, for gold coin at par in sums of not less than $20. The coins being thus manufactured and issued, the amount taken from the bullion fund for the purchase of silver bullion for coinage, is restored from time to time by the gold coins received in exchange for the silver coins, and the seigniorage

coins, is under the above system, realized in gold, and is by law transferable at least twice a year to the Treasury of the United States.

The Section also provides that parcels of the Subsidiary Silver coins may be from time to time transmitted to the Assistant Treasurers, depositaries and other officers of the United States, under general regulations proposed by the Director of the Mint, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury

The intention of this provision, is, to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to supply the various public offices named, with subsidiary silver coins, whenever they may be required in the legal payments and disbursements of those offices, but applies more particularly to times when coin is used in the ordinary disbursements of the Government.

The expense of transporting such

ons from the Assay Office at New York, to the several public Offices named, is by law payable out of the profits arising from their Manufacture.

The letter of the Asst. Treasurer is herewith returned

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt

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February 18th 8—

Sir,

Your account for expenses incurred in attending the meeting of the annual Army Convention at the Mint of the U.S. Philadelphia has been returned to this office by the First Auditor of the Treasury (to whom it was referred for settlement) with the request that the same be returned to you for verification by oath and that you furnish Hotel bills as required by the Circular of the Department under date of August 1st 1874 "relating to allowances for traveling expenses" a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully
H Ledlow Meade
Director

Prof J. E. Hilgard
U.S. Coast Survey
Washington D.C.

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Hon. D. N. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Disbursement Account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month of January. 1865.

Very respectfully.
W. Kneass
Director.

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Washington July 17th 5

John Hitz Esq
Consul General of Switzerland
Sir Sir.

Permit me to acknowledg-
ing the receipt of the Report to the Swiss
Federal Council, on the Monetary Confe-
rence of January 1872., to return you
my thanks for your polite attention in
forwarding it to me.

Very Respectfully
H. Richardson
Director

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February 17th 5

R. H. Raymond Esqr
Commissioner Mining Statistics
New York

Sir.

You are requested to render and transmit to this Office without delay your account for the fourth quarter 1874.

Very respectfully
H. Hinderman
Director

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Hon. D. M. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the month of January, 1875.

Very respectfully,
A. Roudersdorf
Director.

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Hon. D. N. Cmahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of M. F. Bonzano, Supt. U.S. Mint at New Orleans, for the month of January. 1875.

Very respectfully.

A Kolmderman
Director.

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Feby. 16th 5

Messrs Knoblauch & Lichtenstein

P.O. Box No. 2692, New York.

Gentlemen

Acknowledging your letter of yesterday, in which you inquire as to the probability of finding a favorable market in the United States for certain foreign Silver coins, I have to inform you, that this Department will consider a proposition for the purchase of two Million ounces Troy of Silver, in the form of either fine bars, or bars 900 thousandths fine, the alloy consisting wholly of Copper, and to be delivered to the U.S. Assay Office,

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New York, the rate of one
Cent and five hundred
thousand ounces per month,
payments to be made in
U.S. Gold coin, as soon as
the Licensee and Mint
shall have been determined
by United States Mint.

If you should
choose to submit a
proposition, you will
please state the rate
or price per ounce troy
of fine silver, or silver
of one thousandth fine,
the alloy consisting
of copper only, at the
Mint of New York

You will furnish the
amount proposed.
The bullion
would be shipped
with all economical
dispatch, and would
be completed in from
one to two days after
delivery at the Mint
office.

Very respectfully
B. H. Bertow
Secretary

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February 17th 5—

Messrs Mallinckrodt & Co
St. Louis Mo.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to furnish this Office with the price at which you will supply Corrosive Sublimate.

Very respectfully
H Rolandersen
Director

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February 19th 5

Sir

In answer to yours of the 16th instant. I send by to days mail a copy of my annual report for the years 1873-4.

I also enclose herewith a Circular issued by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia mint which will give you the desired information relative to the price of the Proof Sets both of Gold and Silver Coins

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman

H. P. Child Esq.
Kansas City Mo.

Director

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Feby. 19th 5

Dana Lockwood Esq.
757 Broadway, New York

Sir

I have your letter of yesterday, relative to the Specimen struck to illustrate your proposed international coin. Although the Specimen may be improved, it illustrates the principle sufficiently clear, of stamping the Equivalent in certain foreign moneys of account on the reverse of our gold coins.

Having prepared the Specimen, I do not feel called upon to take any further action in the matter.

You can bring the subject to the attention of Congress at any time either by yourself, or in connection

with those who coincide with
You in opinion as to the
advantages of the proposed
Comp.o.

Very respectfully

A. Rolinderpanne

Secretary

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Hon. James G. Blaine

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of Rossiter W. Raymond, Commissioner of Mining Statistics, for the year ending December 31. 1874

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury

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February 17th 1875

Sir,

Your account for expenses incurred in attending meeting of the Decimal Assay Commission at the Mint of the U.S. Philadelphia is received.

Before approving and referring your account, to the accounting Officers for Settlement, I have to request that you will transmit your hotel bill, as required by the Circular of the Secretary of the Treasury dated August 1st 1874. "relating to allowances for traveling expenses, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully

W. K. Lundenwood

Director

H. G. Torrey Esqr
Assayer U.S. Assay Office
New York

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February 19th 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant to the Treasurer of the U.S. inquiring if you could procure $500. in new Silver half dollars from the government at market rates has been referred to this office, and in reply you are respectfully informed that Government only exchanges Silver Coins for gold Coins at par.

Very respectfully
A. Boerstler
Director

Thomas C. Dyer Esqr
Whitney House
Washington D.C.

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Feby. 20th 5

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., relative to reporting the Coinage of the Mints by fiscal years.

Prior to 1857, the operations of the Mints were reported by Calendar Years, hence the coinage of each year from the organization of the Mint up to 1857, contained but one date.

By an Act approved Feby. 21. 1857, the Director of the Mint was required "to make his annual report up to the thirtieth of June of each year," so that the Coinage may appear in the

annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the condition of the finances.

Consequently the coinage operations from 185 to 1874 inclusive are reported by fiscal years, and from coinage years reported between these periods, contains two dates

Very respectfully

A. Bowman

Director

H. E. Turner Esq.
P. O. Department
Kansas City. Mo

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February 20th 5

My dear Sir.

In answer to your note of yesterday. I take pleasure in sending to you a copy of the Instructions and Regulations governing the business operations of the Mints and Assay Offices of the U.S. — and to which the Coinage Act of 1873. is appended.

I am very respectfully
H Linderman
Director

Hon Wm A. Richardson
1405 H. Street N.W.
Washington D.C.

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February 20th 8—

Messrs Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia

Gentlemen.

You are hereby authorized and requested to manufacture and ship to the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco five dozen Copper Canisters five feet and eight inches long and three and one half inches in diameter, also Five Dozen three feet ten inches long and three and one half inches in diameter inside measurements at a price not exceeding fifty (50) cents per pound and to be made of the best Copper

You will ship at throught freight rates. and which must be ~~[illegible]~~ on Bill Lading and render your account in duplicate, accompanied by duplicate

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Bill Lading to this Office

I notice that in the recent Shipment of a Box Containing Steel Coin to the Mint at Carson, that the rate of freight to Chicago only is given on the Bill Lading

I have to request that in all cases where articles are ordered of you for the Mints on the Pacific Coast that you Ship at through freight rates and have the same stated on Bill of Lading.

Very respectfully

A. R. Linderman

Director

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Messrs Rosengarten & Sons
Philadelphia

Gentlemen

I will thank you to inform this Office at what price you can will furnish ten cases Chemically Pure Nitric Acid, and 300 pounds of Corrosive Sublimate, and whether it is practicable to ship the same overland to San Francisco at this season of the year.

I will thank you also to give me the number of pounds contained in ten cases Acid.

Very respectfully
H. B. Linderman
Director

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Feby. 22d 5

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 20th. inst, and reply to the inquiries therein contained, as follows.

1st. I have no direct knowledge as to there being Works at Chicago for separating or parting gold and silver bullion. That such Works exist in that city, was stated before the Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee, in reply to my inquiry, by Mr. Adam Smith.

2d The quantity of Sulphuric acid used in the separating operation, is from two and a half to three pounds, to one pound of bullion

ojuated upon. The value of
the pound of billion would
depend on the proportion of
gold and silver. The most
economical proportion is
two ounces of silver to one
of gold. If of that proportion,
a pound of billion would
be of the value of about $130.
The value of the sulphuric
acid consumed would be
at 3 cents per pound, 9 cents.
If the billion contained
a larger percentage of silver,
which would no doubt
be the case at either City,
there would be a proportionate
increase in the quantity
of acid used

3d The difference between
the cost of manufacturing
Sulphuric acid at Chicago
and Omaha, respectively,
would probably be the
difference between the
cost of the Materials -
Sulphur and Nitre - used
in making the acid.
I have no information
as to the cost of such
materials at either city.
In any event, the
difference in the
cost of manufacture
would not exceed
the cost of transportation
between the two Cities

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I have no specific information as to the amount of business done by the Smelting Works at either City. Assuming that both Cities are well provided with Smelting and reduction works, and necessary banking capital, the advantage as to controlling ores and base bullion (including lead bullion) would be with that City which is located nearest to the mining regions, and for the reason that there would be a saving of expense of transportation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon. P. W. Hitchcock
and
Hon. A. S. Paddock
U. S. Senators

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Feb. 22. 6.

Hon H.W. Hitchcock
Hon A.S. Paddock.
U.S.S.

Gentlemen.

Since my letter of this morning was transmitted to you I have received a communication from Senator Logan, in which he states that he had visited the Refining Works in Chicago, of which Adam Smith is Resident and Manager, and saw the same in operation. He further

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states that he also saw the Malts for packing feed from Belows by the use of Sulphuric Acid, and was told that they had a capacity of about 12,000 per day, and which the Senator "does not doubt is correct".

Not having had this information when replying to your inquiry this morning, I respectfully request that this note may be supplemented by my letter already transmitted.

Very respectfully
H. Henderson
Senator Minn

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February 22nd 1855

M. G. Torrey Esqr
Assayer in Charge Assay Office
New York

Sir.

Your account for expenses incurred in attending the Annual Assay at the Mint Philadelphia has been affirmed and referred to the accounting Officer for Settlement and in due course of business a draft will be transmitted from for the amount.

Very respectfully
Jas. Ronaldson
Director

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February. 23 1875

Hon D. N. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Account of Ordinary Expenditures of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. for the month of January. 1875.

Very respectfully.
H Boundeman
Director.

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February 24th 5

Messrs Rosengarten & Sons
Philadelphia

Gentlemen

I have to request that you will Ship to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco Cal Ten (10) Cases Chemically pure Nitric Acid and three hundred (300) lbs of Corrosive Sublimate at the prices stated in your letter of the 23d instant.

You will render your account in the name of the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco in duplicate to this Office accompanied by Bill of Lading.

You will please ship the above at thumpt freight rates which you will have stated on Bill Lading.

Very respectfully
A Roberdeau
Director

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Lett. Pt. 5

Prof R. E. Rogers.
100 ℄ Walnut Street. Philad:

Will be here Saturday and would
like to have you come

H. Kolinderman
Forster Mail

Charge Treas: Dept.
H. K-L

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Messrs. G. Malinckrodt & Co
Saint Louis Mo

Gentlemen

You will please ship to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco Cal^a two (2) Cases Chemically Pure Nitric Acid

You will render your account in the name of the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco in duplicate to this Office accompanied by Bill of Lading.

You will please ship the above at through freight rates which should be given on the Bill Lading.

Very respectfully

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Director

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Feb. 25, 5.

I propose with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to instruct the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, to purchase 500,000 ounces fine Silver bars, at the lowest market rate and not exceeding One hundred and twenty five and a half Cents per ounce, (fine). to be paid for from the fees bullion fund, and Coined into Subsidiary Silver Coins at said Mint, or transferred to the Philadelphia Mint for that purpose, as may hereafter be decided.

H. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Approved

W. Burch
Secretary of the Treasury.

Statement of Silver Purchases.

By Assay Office New York
at from 1.28-9 to 1.26-9 fine of fine say 200.000 f.

Mint at Carson City
@ 1.28 per of fine 100.000 "

Mint at San Francisco
@ 1.28 per of fine 300.000

Total purchased to date of 600.000

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February 25th 5—

Messrs Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia
Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 22d instant stating that the Pennsylvania R.R.Co will not give you Bills of Lading with through freight rates to San Francisco marked thereon is received, and in reply you are informed that the Baltimore & Ohio R.R. issue Bills of Lading with through freight rate stated thereon from Philadelphia to San Francisco, you will therefore Ship the Canister when completed by that line.

Very Respectfully,
A. Belinderman
Director

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Hon S.H. Bieton
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir.

In the Act making ap-
propriations for the Legislative Executive
and Judicial expenses of the Government
for the current fiscal year, there was ap-
propriated for the Mint at New Orleans
"For fuel, lights, acids, Chemicals, and Crucibles,"
the sum of two thousand dollars ($2.000.)
I have to respectfully request that you
will procure an Amendment to the
Deficiency Bill to allow so much of the
above named amount as made be necessary
to be used for other Contingent Expenses.
There was evidently an Omission to insert
in the Act referred to after the word "Crucibles"
the words "and other necessaries" the result
of which has been to prevent the use of any

portion of the appropriation for other
Contingent Expenses absolutely necessary

Very respectfully

H. Robinson

Director

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February 27th 5

Hon. Benjamin H. Brewster
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

For several years past, an appropriation of about $15,000 has been annually made for continuing the collection of Mining Statistics, and to be applied under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and a Commissioner at a compensation of $5000, and an Assistant at $2000 per annum employed.

The Commissioner, R. W. Raymond Esq. was appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and his compensation fixed by the same officer. The Assistant was employed by the Commissioner.

On the 1st of July last, a general supervision of the expenditures of this appropriation, was by the Secretary of the Treasury assigned to the Director of the Mint,

and the Commissioner has since rendered his accounts through this office.

When the general plan of proceedings for the year 1874 was agreed upon, the Commissioner stated that it was his intention to retire from the position after the preparation of his report for 1874; an item of which, and upon collecting Mining Statistics, an item of $7,000, was included in the Estimates of Appropriations for the Office of the Director of the Mint.

Recently, Mr Raymond applied to Congress for a continuation of the Appropriation, and I am informed that the Sundry Civil Bill now pending in the House of Representatives contains an

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sum of $15,000 for continuing the collection of Mining Statistics under the direction of Prof. R. W. Raymond, and to be available immediately.

As an Appropriation in the form above stated, would practically render the Commissioner independent of any Department of the Government, I respectfully suggest that the Appropriation should be made in the form heretofore adopted, that is to say, that the Sum appropriated for the Continuation of the collection of Mining Statistics, should be under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and which will under a proper dispensation of

the business and expenditure
of the Money practicable; such
Supervision, as far as I am
able, being applicable to
all other Officers of the Government.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully

H. Robinson
Treasurer

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February 27th 18—

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

In order to equip a Sulphuric Acid Refinery at the Mint in San Francisco of a Capacity sufficient to meet the actual requirements of the Public Service, an additional appropriation of Forty thousand dollars ($40.000.) will be necessary for that purpose. The amount heretofore appropriated, is $34.500. I therefore respectfully request that you will procure an appropriation of the amount above stated, and in form to be immediately available.

Very respectfully
A. Robinson
Director

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February 27th 5.

Sir.

In response to your request of the 26th instant. I take great pleasure in sending to your address by this days mail, Six copies of my annual report.

I am Sir very respectfully

H. Lindenmeyer

Director.

Francis Ormond Jrench Esqr.

94 Broadway New York.

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Feby. 27th 5

Prof. A. D. Barnard

Dear Sir

In view of my probable absence from Washington, from time to time, between this and the first of May, I concluded it best to prepare without delay the article on the Subject, Mint, for Your Cyclopedia, and which I transmit herewith.

Supposing that you would have a separate article on the Subject, Assay, I have not embraced a description of the assaying of bullion, which is the most interesting of all Mint operations.

I have avoided the use of technical terms, and tried to put it in a connected form,

such information in a general way as will be valuable to the public, and which is not contained in works already published.

I trust it will meet your approbation.

I am respectfully

H. Schindelman

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March 1st 5.

Hon Jos. R. Hawley.

Dear Sir.

I have your favor of 27th inst requesting copy of the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, for 1874. You add that the report is desired for a Constituent who wishes reliable information respecting the Trade Dollar.

I send herewith copy of Report as requested but the information which your friend desires will be found in my Report to the Dec. in 1872 and in which the Trade dollar was projected. I send for a copy of that Report and refer your friend to pages 9 to 12 inclusive. I also send copy of my last annual Report: in which (see pages 9, 98 & 99) information (covering the) respecting the Trade dollar will be found.

Very Respectfully Yours

A. R. Linderman

Assistant Treasurer

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March 2d

Sir.

At the request of the Hon
J. L. Smith I have mailed to your address
a copy of my last annual report.

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A Klinderman
Director

Harry D. Parsell Esq.
Washington C.H.
Ohio.

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March 2d 65

Sir.

As requested in your letter of the 1st instant, I have this day sent to Harry S. Parsell Esq. a copy of my annual report, advising Mr Parsell that the same was done at your request.

I am Sir, very respectfully.

J. Edmondson

Director

Hon J. D. Smith,
House of Representatives,
Washington D.C.

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March 3d 5

Hon B.H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office New York to that of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia of the sum of One hundred and nineteen thousand three hundred and seventy seven 40/100 Dollars $119.377.40. payable in 94.778.08 Oz fine Silver bars the same being the amount of Silver purchased by Superintendent of the Assay Office N.Y. on Government account from February 20th to March 2nd 1878

Very respectfully
H Robinson
Director

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March 3. 5—

Sir,

I have received the
Model Referred to in your
letter of 1st inst and regret
It as a very neat
executed piece of Work.

I shall be glad, in
future, to afford You an
opportunity to contest for
such designs & models
as the may require.

Very Respt.

Chas J. Starck Esq
Col Starck's Ch. St.
Pittsburgh Pa.

H. Ledlie Swan
Secretary Navy

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March 3. 5.

H. C. French Esq.

Sir.

The proposition on behalf of the 1st National Bank. N.Y. contained in your letter of current date to sell silver at the rate or price of one dollar twenty six and a half cents per ounce fine, and not to exceed one Million and a half ounces troy, is hereby accepted.

Very Respectfully,

B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury

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March 3d 5

Messrs Roengarten & Sons
Philadelphia

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 2d instant enclosing in duplicate Invoices and Bill Lading for 300 lbs Corrosive Sublimate and 336 lbs Nitric Acid. Shipped by you to the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco is receiving.

Your account has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for Settlement, in due course of which a draft will be sent you for the amount $572.28.

Very respectfully
J. Robinson
Director

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March 4 5.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your favor of 3d inst I have to inform you that the force of adjustors at the Philadelphia Mint being amply sufficient for the work I cannot at present recommend any one additional appointment. If in the future there should occur any opportunity to comply with Senator Sherwoods request I should be very glad to

Embrace it.

Regretting that I
cannot send you a
more encouraging letter,

I am very truly
Yr. Fellow countryman

Director

Charles L Pascal Esq
3302 Baring St
Phila.
Pa

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March. 4 5

Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Fourth Quarter. 1794.

Very respectfully.
H Dundenwide
Director.

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March 5

Sir

I have Yours of the 2d inst. acknowledging the receipt of an article on the Mint, and asking that additional information may be furnished relative to the "Mechanical process of Minting".

I am having prepared in this office the information asked for, and will forward it to You in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully
H. Linderman
Director

Prof. F.A.P. Barnard
Columbia College
New York

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March 4 5

Dr Joseph M Toner,
615 Louisiana Av,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

I enclose for your information copy of a letter received this date from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint in reference to the price of medals, in goed, sieved and bronze, struck from the "Toned" dies.

Very respectfully,
J. R. Snideman
Director.

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Hon. D. N. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, the Bullion Accounts of James Crawford. Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada. for part of the Third Quarter, 1874. viz: from Sept. 9th to Sept. 30. 1874. inclusive.

Very respectfully,
H. Postmaster
Director.

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March 5th 1.

Sir —

The necessary additional appropriation for the equipment of the Refinery at the San Francisco Mint having been obtained, we are now ready to proceed with the work.

If you are likely to be prevented from coming here for some days yet, I will thank you to so advise me by telegraph on receipt hereof; — in which case. I will endeavor to come to Philadelphia in the early part

Prof R. E. Rogers.
1004 Walnut St
Philadelphia Pa.

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part of the week and see you there.

Possibly it will be better for us to confer together in Philadelphia than here, for reasons connected with the execution of a part of the work in that city. You will be better able to judge of this point than myself.

I am Sir, very respectfully

H Robinderman

Director

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March 5th 5

Sir

Please procure at market rates for the U.S. Mint at Carson. ten tons of Minnesota Mining Co. Copper. Mark packages James Crawford. care of D.W. Earl. Sacramento Cal." Ship at through rates. and have same marked on Bill of Lading.

Take duplicate bills of lading. and transmit the same to this office when you forward your account also in duplicate.

I am Sir very respectfully

A. R. Linderman

Director

Geo B. Newton Esq

304. Walnut Street.

Philadelphia Pa

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Messrs G Mallinckrodt & Co
St Louis Mo

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 2d instant enclosing in duplicate your account and Bill Lading for two cases Chemically Pure Nitric Acid Shipped the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco is received

Your account has been approved and refered to the Accounting Officers for settlement and in the course of a few days a draft will be transmitted you for the amount $36.06.

Very respectfully
A. B. Andrews
Director

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March 6th 5

Wm. B. M. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

It being desirable that this Office should be informed of any material change in the price of Silver bullion in the London Market, I respectfully suggest that the Department make an arrangement under which it will in future be informed by Cable of any alteration in the London price for Silver, which amounts to a half pence per ounce, British Standard. The ruling rate during the last few months has been 57 1/2 pence per ounce. In case of change of price, it would only be necessary to cable, "advanced half pence", or "declined half pence", as the case might be, adding if the correspondent deemed advisable, the cause, as for instance; "demand for Spain", "Indies", or, "Sales on German account" The information would be of much service in making purchases of Silver bullion for coinage.

I am respectfully

A. Roberdeau

Director

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March 6th 5—

Sir:

I have the honor to respectfully request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office New York, to the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. of One Million dollars ($1.000.000) in Subsidiary Silver Coin.

Very respectfully
H. Robinderman
Director

Hon B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury

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March 6th 5

Sir:

I have the honor to respectfully request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at San Francisco, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of five hundred thousand (500,000) ounces in fine Silver bars of the nominal value of Six hundred and twenty seven thousand five hundred dollars; ($627,500) the same to be transported from San Francisco to Philadelphia by Wells Fargo & Co's Express, at the rate of $15= per thousand dollars, payable in Subsidiary Silver Coin by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, from the "Silver Profit Fund" of that institution.

Very respectfully

J. Lindeman

Director

Hon W. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 6th 8—

R. E. Rogers
1004 Locust street
Phila Pa.

Will see you here Tuesday as
proposed - Will have drawings
looked up and all ready.

W Robinson
Supt

Chief Draftsman
Navy Dept
W R L

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March 8 5

Messrs Morgan + Orr,
1219 Callowhill st,
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Inviting your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Carson Mint, I am of the opinion that the articles therein referred to may fairly be considered to have been embraced in the order for the two machines, completes, whether technically specified or not.

I will be glad if you will correct the matter at your earliest convenience, in order that the machinery referred to may be put in operation with the least possible delay.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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George B. Newton, Esq.
303 Walnut street,
Phiadelphia.

Dear Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant, I have to inform you that the copper must be sent by rail, and not by sea.

You can probably contract on more favorable terms with the Balto and Ohio R.R Company. I am advised that that Company contracts for through rates from Phiadelphia to Sacramento.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director

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March 8th. 95.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d ultimo transmitting your account and vouchers for the Quarter ending December 31st 1894. which I have this day transmitted to the First Auditor for settlement.

I have called the attention of that officer to Voucher No 1. - (the receipt of A. Walters, for $200 -) the payment of which would appear to be in violation of Section 1625. page 315 of the Revised Statutes. - Mr Walters being an officer of

R. W. Raymond Esq.
U. S. Mining Commissioner.
27 Park Row N.Y.

of the United States, and his compensation as such, fixed by law.

Referring to Voucher No 2. covering payment of $21— Premiums on Insurance Policys. I have to request that, if as I suppose, the property insured belongs to the United States, you will furnish a descriptive list thereof for file in this office.

I am Sir very respectfully

H. L. Lindenmuller

Director.

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Hon C Lyon,
National Hotel,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have sent to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, by to day's mail, the necessary papers authorizing the delivery to you of the silver medal struck for you in 1873, on the payment by you to him of the cost thereof.

Very respectfully,
H Linderman
Director

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March 8th 65.

Ly Bateuton 303 Walnut Street Phila

Copies to be sent by Rail and
not by Steamer

W. Linderman
Disbursing Agent

Chas Stearns Supt.

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March 8 5

R W Raymond, Esq.
Act'g Comm'r of Mining Statistics,
27 Park Place, N.Y.

Sir.

Your letter of the 6th inst. requesting the sum of $2,500 to be advanced to you from the recent appropriation of Congress has been received.

Action on your requisition cannot be taken until a certified copy of the law containing the appropriation on which it is made shall have been received from

the Stake Department, which will probably be within a week.

I am informally advised that the section containing the appropriation differs materially in phraseology from that uniformly employed in the previous appropriations for the collection of Mining Statistics, and may be construed to relieve the Department from any supervision.

As soon as a certified copy of the law is received, I will submit the question to the Secretary of the Treasury for instructions.

Very respectfully,

Director.

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Bishop and Hazard.
Booksellers.
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen.

You will please furnish for the use of this office, one copy of Bryant & Stratton's Commercial Arithmetic, and render receipted bill for the same.

Very respectfully
A Rhumkorff
Director.

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March 8th 5

Sir.

Herewith I enclose the accounts and vouchers of R. W. Raymond Esq. U.S. Commissioner of mining Statistics for the quarter ending December 31st 1874. - for examination and settlement.

Your attention is respectfully called to Voucher No 1. of A Walters Esq. for the sum of $200 - Mr Walters being a United States officer whose salary is fixed by law.

I am Sir very respectfully
A. Richardson
Director.

D. W. Mahon Esq
First Auditor.
Treasury Department.

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B. F. Stevens, Esq.
17 Henrietta st.
Covent Garden,
London, England.

Sir: I will thank you to purchase and forward to this office Second Edition, Vol 2 Part 2, of the "Principles of Economical Philosophy", by Henry Dunning Macleod.

There was a work on the "Theories of Values," by Cooke, published some years ago in England, which I will be

alleged if you will also forward to this office if it can be obtained at a reasonable price.

Upon receipt of these books a Bill of Exchange will be remitted.

Very respectfully
H. Lüderwaldt
Director.

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W. O. French Pt. Pleasance Bank New York

Have you any news for us
Relative to Salem

H Knudsen

Secretary Treas

Chicago Treas dept
Contracts H Knudsen

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March 9. 5.

A proposal with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to employ Professor Robert E. Rogers, of Philadelphia, to prepare the working plans and drawings for, and superintend the equipment of, a Sulphuric Acid Refinery in the new Mint at San Francisco, at a Compensation of Five Hundred Dollars per month, and his necessary Expenses while engaged in the performance of the duties which this employment will devolve upon him.

It is expected that the proposed Refinery can be completed and in readiness for operations in about four months.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Approved
W. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 9 5

Dear Sir

I cannot tell whether Dr. Newton has returned to California, as I have not seen him since the annual assay in Philadelphia, nearly a month ago. The only legislation enacted by the last Congress relating to refining ~~gold~~ upon the Pacific Coast was the making of an appropriation to complete the Refinery in the New Mints at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Director

J. G. Kellogg Esq.
Assay, Dep.

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March 9. 6.

Chas. J. Slaack Esq
611 South 7th St Philada Pa

Dear Sir,

Please inform
me at what price you will
undertake to make 6 Models
(similar to that recently received
from Upt. "Life Saving Medal") of
each of the three Medals

1. Life Saving Medals 1st class
2 " " " 2d class
3 Metals Medals.

in all 18 Models

Truly yours
H. Rodenbaugh
Secretary

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March 9 5

Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Supplemental Account of Ordinary Expenses of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1873.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

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March 9th 5—

Sir:

Upon offer to take charge of the equipment of a Sulphuric Acid Refinery at the new Mint in San Francisco according to the plans agreed upon January 22nd 1875, and to prepare immediately the working plans and drawings for said Refinery, and direct the work until final completion, at a Compensation of Five Hundred dollars ($500.) per month and your necessary expenses, is, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, accepted, and you are authorized, and directed to proceed immediately with the work, and push it with all convenient dispatch to

completion. It is understood that no allowance for Hotel expenses will be made during the time you are engaged in the City of Philadelphia.

I have to day instructed the Superintendent of the Mint, San Francisco, to have Mr Frank D. Hetrick of that Mint to report to you in person for duty, and bring with him the plans for the Refinery heretofore prepared by you. Any materials which you may require in Philadelphia for the Refinery will be purchased by you, an estimate of the cost of the same being first submitted to this Office, and its approval obtained. Duplicate bills for such purchases duly receipted will be taken and approved by you, and transmitted to this Office for payment. In forwarding any

materials or apparatus to San Francisco,
You will ship by rail at through rates, and
which must be marked on the Bill Lading to
be transmitted to this Office.

The materials, apparatus &c, required
to be obtained in San Francisco, will be
purchased subject to the approval of this Office
as to quantity and price, by the Superintendent
of the Mint in that City, on your requisition.
That Officer will be instructed to open an
account of expenses incurred in the
equipment of the Refinery

I transmit herewith copies of
the memorandum dated January 22nd 1875.
containing the general plan of the Refinery,
also, a copy of the paper containing the
approval of your employment by the
Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose,

and at the rate of Compensation herein
stated.

You will keep this Office duly
informed of the progress of the work and
submit a monthly report exhibiting in
detail your expenditures and proceedings.

Very respectfully

A Henderson

Director

Professor
Robert E. Rogers
1004 Walnut Street
Philadelphia Pa

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March 10. 5.

F. O. French Esq,
(1st. National Bank Mf.)

Sir.

I am in receipt of your
check & telegram requesting pursuit
of extra carter j. order for foreign Silver.
I suppose that it is unnecessary
for me to say that it would not do
for you to purchase any but foreign
Silver under the order you have. We
could not accept domestic Silver for
the reason that our price is 126 cents
per ounce fine. At which rate we are
almost daily purchasing small lots
in your City.

Very Truly
H. Robinson
Cashier

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Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the a/c of Ordinary Expenditures of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco. for the month of January. 1875.

Your attention is invited to the compensation paid to the following employes in the Coiners department. the same being in excess of the rates approved by me. viz:

John Barry. Workman; paid
at the rate of $5.75 per diem.
Approved for $5.50.
D. Murray. Workman, paid
at the rate of $5.75 per diem
Approved for $5.50
D. J. Keegan. paid at the rate
of $5.75 per diem, Approved for $5.50

I also enclose a copy of a
communication from the Supt.
of the San Francisco Mint, explain
ing certain vouchers in this A/c.

Very respectfully.

W. B. Lindermann

Director.

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March 30th 18

Hon B.H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at Philadelphia, to the Treasurer of the U.S. of One Hundred Thousand dollars ($100,000) in Subsidiary Silver Coin. (half dollars)

Very respectfully
J. R. Underwood
Director

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March 10th 5—

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, you are informed that we shall not require more than the Ten (10) tons of Mr Company copper. heretofore ordered

Very respectfully

J. Robinson

Director

Geo B Stanton Esqr
303 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

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March 11th 5

Sir —

Referring to my letter to you of the 7th instant, transmitting the accounts and vouchers of R.W. Raymond, Commissioner of Mining Statistics, for the quarter ending December 31. 1874. in which letter I called your attention to Voucher No 1. for $20 paid to Mr Walters. I enclose herewith an extract from a letter of Mr Raymond, dated the 9th inst. explanatory of the transaction.

I am Sir very respectfully
Your obt Servt
J. Ledlie Laurence
Director

D.W. Mahon Esq
First Auditor
Treasury Department.

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March 11th

Sir

Agreeable to your verbal request made this day. I return herewith the certificates issued in 1869 by A. Curry Esq as Superintendent of the mint at Carson City, in favor of Hudson Dill for $75.60. and E.B. Wortman for $6. for labor performed by them. with the information that there is no appropriation out of which these claims can be paid.

I am Sir, very respectfully
Your obt. servt
H. Kinsman
Director

Hon A.F. Page
House of Representatives
Washington D.C.

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Hon. D. N. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Account of Ordinary Expenses of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La. for the month of February. 1875.

Very respectfully.
W. Underwood
Director

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Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office at New York City for the month of February 1875.

Very respectfully.
J. P. Kennedy
Director.

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Sir

I have yours of the 10th inst. making certain inquiries relative to the precious metal products of California.

From data in my possession I find that the production of Gold in California reached its maximum in 1853, and amounted to $65,000,000. The Exports of Treasure from San Francisco in the same year, were $54,965,000.

I send herewith a copy of my last annual report, with pages marked, containing any further information you may desire upon the subjects.

Very respectfully

Stephen P. Russell Jr.
85 Cedar St.
New York

A. B. Lindsley
Assistant

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March 5th 5

Hon W.H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in favor of James Crawford, Superintendent of the Mint at Carson Nevada for the sum of Twenty thousand dollars payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of said Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

J.P. Rolandson

Director

March 12 1845

Hon. D. N. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the months of February. 1845.

Very respectfully

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Director

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March. 12 . 5

Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Account of Ordinary Expenditures of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, for the month of January, 1875, for adjustment.

Very respectfully.
H Linderman
Director.

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Mch. 13th 5

Sir

I send herewith the designs which have been accepted for the Life Saving Medal of the 2d Class, and which you will please model in clay, making Say, three copies of the obverse, and one of the reverse, the same as Sample sent to this office a few days since. I will thank you to have the designs photographed at our expense, before commencing the models, and to return the original designs, with the models to this office.

On close inspection of the female figure on the obverse design, you will perceive that the knee and part immediately under the knee are wanting in symmetry, and must be corrected in the model. The size of the medal is

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to be two and one eighth inches.

Your attention is called to the following Memorandum, in order that You may understand how to arrange for the necessary legends and inscriptions.

Obverse. The design to occupy the entire space except room for necessary border.

Reverse Around the upper and outer side of the Medal, the Legend, "Life Saving Medal of the Second Class", and around lower space, "United States of America."

Within the Wreath, the inscription,

"To ..... for Meritorious Services in Saving Life from the perils of the Sea."

Very respectfully

H Rademacher

Solicitor

Chas J Stuck Esq.
611 North 9th St
Philadelphia

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Mch. 13th 5

Sir-

I am in receipt of Your favor of the 11th inst, also designs for the obverse and reverse of the Life Saving Medal of the Second Class, which has been accepted.

Your bill for Traveling Expenses has also been received, and referred to the proper officer for Settlement.

You will please render a bill in Duplicate amounts as You may deem reasonable and just, for the designs for the Metis and Life Saving Medal of the Second Class, and which will be subject to the approval of this Office. The design for the pin and bar received from Bailey & Co, together with Estimate of cost of the Same, will be considered in due time.

Herman Baker Esq.
2139 Brandywine St
Philadelphia

Very respectfully
F. A. Linderman
Director

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March 13th 5

Messrs Bailey & Co.

Gentlemen

I am in receipt of Your letter of the 10th inst. relative to a design for a Pin to attach Rubin Golding medal to Clothing &c, and furnishing estimate of the cost of same.

The matter will be considered when the "Motto" and Life Saving Medals shall have been completed, the designs now being in the hands of the Engraver for that purpose.

Very respectfully

H. Rohrideman

Director

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March 13th 1851

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, you are informed that the Superintendent of the Mint Philadelphia has been instructed to pay the transportation charges on $119,377.40 the value of Silver delivered him by your Company on the 11th instant.

Very respectfully
A. Dallas
Director

Geo. C. Thompson Esqr
Supt Mint Dept
Adams Express Co
Philadelphia

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March. 13 5

Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in charge U.S. Assay Office Charlotte. N.C. for the month of February. 1875.

Very respectfully.
H. Linderman
Director.

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March 15th 5

Messrs Rosengarten & Sons
Philadelphia

Gentlemen

Your account for 304
Ch. Nitric Acid Shipped by the Mint of
the U.S. at San Francisco, has been
received, approved and referred to the
Accounting Officers for settlement, and in
the course of a few days a draft will be
sent you for the amount $104.42.

Very respectfully
J. R. Snowden
Director

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March 15th 5

Gentlemen

Your letter of 12th inst, inquiring whether this department is at present prepared to purchase Silver Bullion, and if so, at what price, and to what extent, has been received

In reply you are informed, that the Department is purchasing Silver at the Assay Office in your City at One hundred and ninety six cents, gold, per ounce troy fine, and will take from you at that rate, one million ounces or any portion thereof, to be delivered within Sixty days; this offer to remain open for ten days from this date.

Very respectfully

W. M. Meredith

Secretary of the Treasury

Messrs Augustus Belmont & Co

New York

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March 15th 5—

Hon B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

I respectfully request that the Bullion Fund of the San Francisco Mint be increased One Million dollars ($1.000.000) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin from the Assistant Treasurer in that City, and that the transfer be made immediately by telegraph.

The above addition to the Bullion Fund is rendered necessary on account of the purchases of Silver bullion at that Mint for the Subsidiary Coinage.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman

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March 16. 5.

Messrs August Belmont & Co.

New York.

Gentlemen,

A telegram in the following words was sent you to-day in answer to your despatch of current date requesting limit of our offer for silver to be increased one half cent per ounce:

"Limit raised half cent per ounce for five hundred thousand ounces either fine bars, or silver nine-tenths fine, alloy copper."

By the terms of my despatch the Department's order of 15th inst is increased as to fine, one half cent per ounce for half of the quantity and otherwise modified to admit of the sale of either fine bars or silver nine-tenths fine, the alloy to consist of copper.

Doña or mixed bullion is not included in the offer.

Very Respectfully,

S. H. Smith

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 16th 5—

Henry Sanford Esqr
Genl Supt Adams Express Company
New York

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant Submitting proposals on behalf of the Adams Express Company for the transportation of the Minor or base coins (one, three, and five cents,) from the Mint Philadelphia to places throughout the several States was duly received. After careful consideration I have to ask the following modification and additions to your proposals viz include places in West Virginia in Schedule of places in States paying one and

e half per cent (1½) Include places in
e Territories of Colorado Wyoming and
ah in Schedule of States to pay fourand
e half per cent.

With the modification and
additions above mentioned I am prepared
to recommend that an addenda be made
to the contract of your Company with the
Treasury Department, incorporating the
the terms proposed by you for the Trans
portation of the Mail over the U.S.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman

Director

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March 16 5

Prof. R.E. Rogers.
1004 Walnut st.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a communication and appendix from F. Lutzkow, together with certain drawings, in reference to equipment of a Refinery at the San Francisco mint.

These papers are forwarded for your information, and when you are through with them you will please turn them over to the Superintend-

ent of the mint at San Fran-
cisco for file in his office.

Very respectfully, yours,

A. Loudenslan

Director.

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March. 16 5.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Account of Ordinary Expenditures of the Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Mint at Denver. Colorado, for the month of February. 1875.

Very respectfully.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. M. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Account of Ordinary Expenses of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho. for the month of February. 1875.

Very respectfully.

A. Kunderman

Director.

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March 16.

August Belmont & Co. New York

Limit raised half cent per ounce
for five hundred thousand ounces
Either fine bars or silver nine tenths
fine alloy copper

Change Regs. off.

B. H. Bristow
Secretary

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March 17, 5

Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office
New York

Expect to be with you tomorrow morning

Collect for Sales
WBL

J. Ledlie Laurence
Director Mint

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Dr. H. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Sir

Enclosed please find dispatch from Genl. LaGrange received shortly after you left the office.

Very respectfully

M. Lamb
Act'g Secretary

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March 18th 5—

Geo B. Newton Esqr
Philadelphia
Sir.

Your letter of the 17th instant enclosing in duplicate bill for 4 Casks Minnesota hgt Coffee shipped by you to the U.S. Mint Carson Nevada is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the accounting Officer for settlement and in due time a draft will be sent you for the amount $3.424.24

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Acting Director

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Mch. 19th 5

Sir

In reply to Yours of the 13th inst, I have to say that the Government does not coin any gold piece below the Dollar.

The Quarter Dollars you refer to are stamped at San Francisco by private parties, and sold for ornaments. They are not purchaseable here.

Very respectfully
M. E. Davis
Acting Director

P. Swan Esq.
Hillsboro
Hill Co.
Texas.

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Hon. D. N. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Accounts of James Crawford. Supt. U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada for the Fourth Quarter 1874

The Assay Account, omitted in forwarding the above will be sent you as soon as received at this Office.

Very respectfully.
M. D. David
Acting Director.

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March 20th 5

Hon B.H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir.

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office New York to that of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia of the sum of One hundred and forty nine thousand three hundred and eight 55/100 Dollars ($149.308.55) payable in 122.454.24 of fine silver bars purchased on Government account from 3d to 18th March 1875.

Very respectfully

M.O. Daniel
Acting Director

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March 23 5

Sir

The Vaults at the Philadelphia Mint and Assay Office at New York will hereafter be occupied with Bullion in course of manufacture to an extent which will render it necessary to transfer, say at the end of another month, from one, to two, millions of dollars in Silver coin to the Treasury of the United States.

During my recent official visit at New York, I had some conversation with the Superintendent

Hon. B.H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

Superintendent of the Assay Office, and the U.S. Assist Treasurer on this subject, and the latter indicated a room, which, by a very moderate expenditure, and with little delay, could be converted into a secure and convenient vault for the storage of silver coin to a large amount.

While in Philadelphia, I learned that there is sufficient space in the U.S. Sub Treasury in that city, for the creation of a vault for the storage of silver coin.

I respectfully recommend that appropriate action for providing additional Vault-room both in New York and Philadelphia be taken as early as practicable.

I deem it proper to add that the accumulation of any considerable amount of silver coin at the mint

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at Philadelphia and Assay office at Newyork at a time when these institutions are holding and operating on large quantities of Bullion, would render it well nigh impossible to fully observe the important regulation which requires all Bullion to be placed in the Vaults at the close of each days work, and retained there till the commencement of the next days business.

I have the honor to remain

Very respectfully

H Linderman

Director.

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Mch. 23d 5

Sir

I enclose herewith copy of a letter and enclosure from George Matthey in reference to aluminium.

I also enclose a sheet of aluminium and coins of the same material.

I am respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J. K. [illegible]
Director

W. E. Dubois Esq
Treasury Chambers

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March 25 5.

My dear Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor the 19th instant, calling my attention to the case of your protegé Miss Hall. for whom you seek an appointment in the Philadelphia Mint.

I have recently returned from a visit to that institution. and regret to say that I see no chance of employment for her there at present. At the time of my interview with you some weeks since I was expecting some legislation by Congress establishing a new Mint, - in which event I

Respectfully

John Hagg Esq.
Chief Clerk
Navy Department.

thought it probable that a transfer could be made, and Miss Hall appointed; Congress adjourned however, as you are aware, without taking any definite action in this direction.

There is a heavy force now engaged at the Mint, and I fear a reduction of employés will become necessary.

The appointment of Miss Hall at present could only be effected by the discharge of some employé - a doubtful method of practicing philanthropy.

I am Sir, very respectfully

A Robinson

Director

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March 23. 5

Drexel Morgan & Co., New York
(250,000)
Will accept Two Hundred and
Fifty Thousand ounces - Letter by
mail

Charge Treasury Dept

Chas. H. Slaymaker
Acting Secretary
of the Treasury

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March 25 5.

Gentlemen;

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant requesting a copy of the new mint law that was to take effect about February 12th" and in reply enclose herewith a copy of the Coinage act of Feb 12, 1873. which is the only law now governing the mint, Assay offices and coinage of the United States.

If this is not what you wish - and you will signify the same, specifying the precise nature of your wishes. I shall be most happy to comply therewith.

I am very respectfully

H Linderman

Director

Messrs Mann & Rhodes.
31 State Street Boston.
Mass.

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March 23d 75.

Sir

Agreeable to the request contained in your letter of the 20th instant, I send you by todays mail a copy of the Regulations governing the transactions at the Mints; in which you will also find a copy of the Coinage Act of 1873.

I am Sir very respectfully

J. R. Snowden

Director

M. E. Winner Esq

Kansas City Mo.

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March 23d 5

Messrs Drexel Morgan & Co.
New York

Gentlemen

Your telegram of yesterday offering to furnish two hundred and fifty thousand ounces of Silver at the rate of one hundred and twenty six and a half cents per ounce fine, was received, and a dispatch sent you accepting the same, which is hereby confirmed.

The Department is prepared to purchase an additional two hundred and fifty thousand ounces, at a rate not exceeding one hundred and twenty six and a half cents per ounce fine. Please advise me when and in what form the Silver may be expected, in order that the necessary instructions for its reception at the Assay Office, New York, may be given the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully

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Secretary of the Treasury

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March 22 5

Sir

I Enclose herewith proof sheets of your Report on the Condemnation of Ingot Molts.

There are several errors which no doubt escaped your observation in writing the Report. Which I will thank You to correct in the proof sheets.

Please return the Enclosure as soon as corrected.

Very respectfully
H Lindenmeier
Director

Prof. James P. Booth
Melter & Refiner
Mint U.S. Philadelphia

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March 28th 5.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 15th instant, making application for an appointment in this office. I regret to inform you that I have not been able to find any vacancy to which you could be appointed.

I am Sir, very respectfully
A Robertson
Director

Andrew D. Cowles Esq.
Charlotte. N.C.

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March 23d 5

Messrs John Wiley & Son
No. 15 Astor Place
New York

Gentlemen

Please send to this office a copy of Prof Danas Mineralogy, 1874, together with receipted bill, the amount of which will be forwarded You.

Respectfully

H Loudenman

Director

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March 24 5

Prof R. E. Rogers
1004 Walnut St.
Philadelphia

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 20th inst., on the question of placing oil of vitriol chambers for condensing, on the roof of the Mint Edifice at San Francisco, I have to inform you that your suggestion has been submitted to the Supervising Architect for his opinion.

A copy of the reply of that officer, together with sketch explanatory of the same, is herewith transmitted for your information.

I concur with you in the opinion that it is important to place the condensing chambers upon the roof,

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and not in the narrow space afforded in the attic.

The authorities in the Supervising Architects Office who are familiar with the plan of the building, think it essential that the tanks should be kept out of sight, and that no greater heights be given them, than actually necessary.

When you have considered the plan submitted, I will thank you to report the results to this Office.

Very respectfully
J. B. Anderson
Director

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March 24 5

Henry Sandford, Esq.
Genl Superintendent Adams Express Co.
New York.

Sir:

Acknowledging your favor of the 18th inst, in which you accede to certain modifications of proposal of the 10th inst for transporting minor coins suggested in my letter of the 16th inst, I have to state that upon a more thorough consideration of the subject the clause requiring packages of less than $50 to be paid for as of that amount

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is deemed objectionable, and you are requested to reconsider the same).

I would prefer that it should be omitted from the contract, although I should have no objection to the incorporation of a proviso that the lowest sum to be transported shall be $20.00. It is of course understood that the larger in nominal value each parcel transported) the more convenient it is to your company, and as many transactions are made in sums of hundreds and thousands of dollars, and without reduction of rates, it would appear to be

but fair that there should be no increase of charge on parcels of $20.00. Your early attention is requested, it being desirable that the new rates should become operative April 1st, proximo.

When we shall have come to an agreement on the point herein referred to, I will, in a letter to you, state that the accommodation as to use of room, &c, at the Mint, Philadelphia, by your agent or clerk in transacting this business, shall be continued as heretofore, the proposed agreement containing no provision upon the subject.

I am, very respectfully,

Dr. R. Linderman

Director.

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March 24 5

Dear Sir

In acknowledging receipt of your favor of 26th of September last, enclosing two Bills of the Peking Banks, and also a description of the various Commercial and Local Taels in use in China, permit me to thank you for the interest you have taken in furnishing me with information which is both useful and instructive, and of great importance in our commercial and monetary transactions with that Empire.

Very respectfully
H. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Hon. S. W. Williams
Secretary of Legation
Peking, China

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March 24 5

Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. for the month of February. 1875.

Your attention is called to an error of 12 cents in the bill of A. F. Bell for Price - Petty bill.

Very respectfully,
J. Roudamar
Director.

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March 25th 5

Gentlemen,

The copy of "Danas Mineralogy" forwarded by you to this Office has been received, and your account for the same has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days a draft for the amount will be remitted you.

Very respectfully.

A. D. Lindenkohl
Director.

Messrs John Wiley & Son
15 Astor Place
New York

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March 25th 5

Laidlaw & Co
33 Pine Street, New York,
write you to day upon the subject
of the Budget
collect

W. R. Lindeman
Secretary

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March 25th 5

Hon B.H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in favor of Rossiter W. Raymond U.S. Commissioner of Mining Statistics for the sum of Two thousand five hundred Dollars ($2,500) payable from the appropriation "For Collection of Mining and Mineral Statistics" for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
W. Blunderman
Director

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R.C.P. 188 30

March 25th 5

Sir

In response to your communication of the 6th instant. I have to inform you that I have this day. by letter to the Secretary of the Treasury. requested that officer to cause a warrant on the Treasurer of the U.S. to be issued in your favor for the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars ($2500).

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
A. Henderson
Director

R.W. Raymond Esq
U.S. Commissioner of Mining Statistics.
#27 Park Place. N.Y.

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March 25. 5.

Messrs Latham & Co.
33 Pine Street. N.Y.
Gentlemen.

We are prepared to
Consider an offer for the sale and delivery
at the Mint in Philadelphia of any
300,000 ounces troy of Bars of standard
Coin both Silver, on the basis of payment
for the Silver Contained at a rate to be
agreed upon and for the Gold Contained
at its Coining Value. Payment to be
made in Gold Coin as soon as the value
of the Bullion so determined by the Mint
assay, day thereon two days after the
delivery of the bullion.

The parting charge at
Philadelphia Mint being one Cent per
ounce higher than at Manfield. We expect
your offer to be at the Lowest market rate

and that in fixing upon pars you will
give due weight to the fact that payment
will be made thirty days before the
bullion can be separated.

Whilst we prefer to purchase the
bullion at the Philadelphia Mint we might
be willing to accept it at the Carson
Mint provided the terms should make
it more to the advantage of the United
States to take it there instead of Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully
J. Robertson
Director of the Mint.

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March 25. 5.

Sir;

Your letter of the 23d instant, requesting the return to the Hon Wm. W. Phelps. of an application of Mr James A. Marsh. for an appointment in the Mint has been received.

I would state in reply. that a diligent search has been made of the files in this office, and the papers to which you refer cannot be found. -

I am Sir very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Nathaniel Niles Esq.
#16. Wall Street.
New York.

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March 25th 5

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I have to acknowledge reference to this office of a communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting copy of dispatch No. 71, of the United States Consul General at Berlin; and copy (translated) of a Decree of the Emperor of Germany, designating the larger gold coins of that Empire.

The enclosures are herewith returned as requested.

I have the honor to be,

very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

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March 26th 5

Sir:

In compliance with the re-
quest contained in your letter of the
24th instant I enclose herewith original
bill for freight on 15 Cases Copper Shipped
per Bill Lading of your Company from
New York to Sacramento July 3 1874.
and for which claim has been made
for rebate on account of overcharge.

Very respectfully

J. K. Lundeen

Director

A. Bedford Esqr
Gen'l Freight Agent
B. & O. R. R. Co
Baltimore Md

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March 26th 5

Henry Sanford Esqr
Genl Supt Adams Express Company
New York

Sir:

I have recivd your letter of yesterday on the subject of the transportation of Minor Coins, in which you agree to the suggestion contained in my letter of the 24th instant that no package of such coins is to be estimated as containing less than twenty ($20) dollars.

This modification of your proposition for transporting the Minor Coins, having been agreed upon I am now prepared to recommend its approval by the Secretary of the Treasury, and its incorporation as an addendum to your Contract with the Treasury Department, and if you or any one authorized to sign for you

mpany will call at the Department
e matter will be immediately dis
ed of.

Very respectfully
J. Rolandson

Director

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March 27 5

Hon. D. M. Bruhow
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

Application having been made to this Office in January last, for a copy of the papers covering the terms under which the Minor or Token coins are transported by the Adams Express Co. from the Mint at Philadelphia to points in the several States of the Union, it appeared that such coins are transported under a verbal agreement made in 1866, between the Agent of the above Company, the Director of the Mint and Secretary of the Treasury, and which covered the following rates of charge

"From the Mint at Philadelphia to Pittsburg and West as far as Omaha

and all points South of Washington. 3 per cent or $3.00 per hundred
To all other points. 2½ per cents or $2.50 per hundred".

This business has since been a subject of correspondence between this office, the Superintendents of the Mints at Philadelphia, and the General Agents of the Adams Express Company, and has resulted in the final Submission on the part of the latter, of the following proposition for the transportation of specie coin.

"To points in Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. 1½ per cent

"To points in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. 2½ per cent

" To points in Alabama, Mississippi,
Tennessee, Louisiana, Missouri, Iowa,
Wisconsin and Florida. 3½ per cents

"To points in Texas, Kansas,
Minnesota, Nebraska and Nevada. 4½ per cents.

"Packages of coin containing less than
$20. to be estimated and charged for
as containing $20."

"This proposition is submitted with the understanding that it may be modified at any time in the future, in case it should prove unsatisfactory either to the Government or the Express Companies, and is only to apply to the transportation of said coins to places on the lines of Railroad directly accessible by the lines of some Express Company."

It will be observed from the foregoing, that the rates of charge make

a proper distinction as to distances, are more favorable to the Government than those heretofore paid, and appearing to be reasonable and just, I recommend their acceptance and incorporation as an Addenda to the existing contract of the Department with the Adams Express Company, for the transportation of securities, monies &c.

If the proposition is accepted by the Department, it is desirable that the new rates should take effect on the 1st proximo.

I have the honor to be,

very respectfully-

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

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Mr Chas J Stauch,
611 North 7th st,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt, by Adam's Express, of the two (2) photographs of designs for Life Saving Medal of second class, and to request that you will forward six additional copies of the same.

The item of cost of these photographs will be taken up in your account for expenses incurred in getting out the

models.

Very respectfully.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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March 27 5

Prof R. E Rogers
1004 Walnut St.
Philadelphia

Sir

In compliance with the request contained in your favor of the 25th inst, the enclosed sketch of the back portion of the Mint building, and which it over the Refinery, has been prepared in the Office of the Supervising Architect.

Very respectfully
A. B. Mullett
Director

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March 29 5

Sir

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 22d inst, I send herewith an Assay Medal for 1875, the price of which, One Dollar, you will please remit to me.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

M. J. Cohen Esq.
115 Nth. Charles St.
Baltimore, Md.

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March 29. 5.

Prof Robert E. Rogers,
1004 Walnut Street, Phila.

Dear Sir,

When you shall have everything in readiness for the Hebrides return to California, I will thank You to so inform me. I would like to come over & spend a day with You & Jean consecutively on my boat. It is highly important that the Refinery should be equipped and in readiness for operations as early as possible.

Very Respectfully & Truly Yours
H. Robinson
Director

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March 30 5

Gentlemen

In reply to yours of the 26th inst. making certain inquiries relative to the Coinage, I have to say;

1st The Coinage Act of 1873, which took Effect on the 1st of April of that Year, fixed the Weight of the Trade Dollar at 420 grains, 900 fine, or 378 grains of pure Silver.

2d The Same Act increased the Weight of the Half Dollar from 192 to 192 9/10 grains, 900 fine, or from 172 8/10 to 173 6/100 grains pure Silver

3d All gold and Silver coins of the United States, are 900 or 9/10ths. fine.

4th. The difference in value between the "Dollar coined since 1837" and the Trade dollar, is, in fine Silver, 6. 3/4 grains. The weight of the Silver Dollar coined prior to the Coinage Act of 1873, was 412 1/2 grains standard, or 371 25/100 grains fine Silver.

5th We are paying at the Mint in Philadelphia, 126 cents gold, per ounce fine, for Silver bullion, or 113 4/10 cents per

Standard ounce. Returns are made within two days after the receipt of the bullion.

Very respectfully

H. B. Linderman

Director

Messrs Gilmore, Dunlap & Co.

Cincinnati, Ohio

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March 30th 5

Sepor Sir

Your favor of yesterday, stating that you had been informed at the Assay Office, New York that the Silver to be delivered, would have to be 1000 fine, has been received.

There is evidently some mis-understanding on the Subject, as the delivery may be made either in the form of comercial fine bars, or foreign coins of Standard equal to or above that of the United States. (900 thousandths) and the Silver contained, ascertained by U. S. assay, and the value computed at the purchasing rate, 126 ½ cents per ounce fine.

From your dispatch of this date, I infer that the Silver is in foreign coin or bars, 9/10ths fine, and the

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the alloy, copper, corresponding with U. S. Silver coin Standard.

Silver is quoted in London, per ounce British Standard, .925 fine. If the price be 57 pence per ounce, for bullion of that fineness, the price for Silver .900 fine, is 55 17/37 pence, or 112 4/10 cents per Standard ounce.

Very respectfully
B. A. Burton
Secretary.

J. Pierpont Morgan Esq.
Drexel, Morgan & Co.
New York

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March 30. 5

Wk

Drexel Morgan & Co.
New York.

Is your Silver
in Commercial fine bars or foreign
Coin. answer
by Tel Sept.

B. K. Bruce
Secretary of the Treasury

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March 31st 5

Messrs Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia
Gentlemen

Your letter of the 29th inst enclosing in duplicate your account and Bill Lading for two Pair Steel Rolls shipped by you to the Brig of the U.S. at San Francisco is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officer for settlement, and in due course of business a draft will be transmitted you for the amount. When will the Center piece for the "Ajax" and the Canisters ordered sometime since be shipped.

Very respectfully
H Rodenbough
Director

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March 31st 5

Prof. James C. Booth
Melter and Refiner
Mint U.S. Phila.

Sir

I enclose herewith revised proof of your Report on the Segregation in alloys for Coinage.

The printer informs me that the expense would be too great to embrace the charts in the tables in proper shape, and they have been stricken out.

Please return the proof as soon as corrected.

Very respectfully
[illegible]

Director

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March 31 5

Prof. D. E. Rogers
1004 Walnut St.
Philadelphia

Sir I have your letter of yesterday relative to placing the condensing chambers on the roof of the Refinery at San Francisco.

With a view to availing ourselves of the services of persons in the Supervising Architects office, familiar with the San Francisco Mint building, I will be glad to have you and Mr. Ketrick come here at the time stated by you.

Very respectfully
A. Loudermann
Director

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March 31st 5

Sir

In reply to yours of Yesterday asking for certain Statements of Joint operations for the fiscal Year ending June 30. 1874, I herewith Copy of my Report for that year, with pages marked, giving the information desired for.

Very respectfully
H Rodenman
Director

George Wilson Esq
Secretary Chamber of Commerce
New York

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March 31st 75

A. J. Drexel. Phil. (34 st. 3d st)

No difficulty need be apprehended
Matter is receiving my personal
attention Assay office ruling
applies to basis of computation and
not standard of bullion

Collect

T. Robinson
Director

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R E Rogers, 1004 Poplar St.
Philadelphia

There appearing to be doubts as to
supporting the roof, You and
Ketrich come here for consultation
as soon as convenient

Chge. Troy Dept
H Rl.

H B Lenderman
Director

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April 2 — 5 —

Hon. J. H. Preston
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir.

I have to respectfully request that you will direct the issue of One Hundred Thousand Dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin, to be transferred from the British Funds of the Mint of the U.S. at Carson, Nevada, to the Treasurer of the United States; the charges for transportation of the same to be found from the "Silver Profit Fund" of that Mint.

Very respectfully

J. Preston
Director

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April 2d 5

Hon B. M. Bruton
Sir: Secretary of the Treasury

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office New York to that of the Mint of the U.S. Philadelphia of the sum of One hundred and seventy four thousand eight hundred and eighty seven 51/100 Dollars ($174 887.51) payable in £41.883.65 of fine silver bars purchased on Government account from March 19th 24th inclusive.

Very respectfully
A. Boteinderman
Director

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Bluford Wilson. Esq
Solicitor. U.S. Treasury.

Sir.

I enclose herewith for examination and certificate the Official Bond of James Crawford. Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City. Nevada.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
Director.

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Sir.

The Small box of Sample ores sent by you to this Office has been refused the Mint at Philadelphia for examination

Very respectfully

A Edwards

Director

Dan'l White Esqr
Monroe's
Grant Co Kentucky

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April 3. 5.

Robert E Rogers Esq.

Professor of Chemistry

University of Penn:

Dear Sir.

As you are

familiar from a thorough Examination, with the Existing facilities

for testing the fire arms metals

in San Francisco and the urgent

necessity for immediately securing

the same I Respectfully

Request Your opinion of

the former plans set forth

in the Memorandum enclosed

herewith a
after an ex-
of the pa-
hearings.

ed a check prepared
haustive examination
ation will also be

Very truly,

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April 3d 5

Hon B.H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

In order to procure Silver Bullion to enable the Mint at Carson to manufacture Subsidiary Silver Coin to its full capacity, I have to respectfully request that the Bullion Fund of the Mint may be increased by the transfer thereto some of One Hundred Thousand Dollars in gold Coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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April. 5 5

Hon. R. W. Taylor,
First Comptroller.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for file in your office the Official Bond of James Crawford. Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada. executed in the sum of One hundred Thousand Dollars under a Commission granted by the President of the United States bearing date of December. 18. 1874.

Very respectfully.

J. Pleasonton

Director.

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April 6/75

Dreyfus, Morgan & Co. New York.

Bullion had better be sent by Revenue Steamer to Philad. Mint. Have telegraphed Superintendent Acton to see him I will go to Philad. as soon as advised that bullion has been forwarded

Coldest Yours etc

H R L

W. Robinson
Director Mint

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April 6th 5

Messrs Drexel, Morgan & Co.
New York

Gentlemen

The following telegram, sent You this date, is hereby made official.

"Bullion had better be sent unbroken to Philadelphia Mint. Have telegraped Superintendent Eaton. See him. I will go to Philadelphia soon as advised that bullion has been forwarded."

Very respectfully
J. H. Lindenmuller
Director

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April 6 -

T. H. Alexander Esq.
607 Sansom St
Philadelphia

Sir

Your letter of yesterday, relative to the Middleoff Forces for Counting Checks of Clerks, was received this morning.

I have requested the Auditor for the Treasury Office, New York to thoroughly examine the subject and allow Mr. Middleoff an opportunity to be present at any Experiments that may be made.

It will be some time, however, before the Matter can receive any attention at the Auditors Office, as the business of that office is so pressing,

as to preclude all possibility of an early trial of the proceeds.

Very respectfully

H. Belmont

Senator

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April 6. 5.

I propose, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to instruct the Superintendent of the Mint, at San Francisco, to purchase Five Hundred Thousand ounces of fine Silver at a rate or price not exceeding one dollar and twenty five cents per ounce fine (112½ cents per standard ounce) and to coin the same into Half Dollars. Twenty Cent pieces and Dimes, on account of the United States.

J. Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Approved
B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

Certificate

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April 5th 5

Prof. R. E. Rogers
1004 Walnut St
Philadelphia

Sir

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 3d inst (copy of which is herewith enclosed) submitting a plan for placing upon the roof of the Sweeny building, San Francisco, the lead chambers for condensing the sulphurous acid fumes of the Refinery, I have to inform you that the plan proposed has been approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, and you are authorized to carry the same into effect in the equipment of the Refinery by placing the chambers in the manner and position indicated.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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April 6th 5.

Sir;

Your note of the 5th instant advising me of the shipment per Adams Express Co. of the six impressions taken from the negative plates made from the designs for the Life saving medal has been duly received.

With many thanks.

I am Sir very respectfully

H. Lindeman

Director.

Charles J. Stanley Esq
611 North 9th Street,
Philadelphia Pa.

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April 5th 5

Hon B H Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

In order to procure additional Silver bullion to enable the Mint at San Francisco to manufacture Subsidiary Silver Coin to its full Capacity I have to request that the Bullion Fund of the same be further increased by the transfer of Five Hundred thousand dollars in gold Coin.

Very respectfully
J. Ballantine
Director

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April 6th 5

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

The plan for the equipment of a Sulphuric Acid Refinery in the Mints at San Francisco, having been approved by you, and it being necessary to commence the work without delay, I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of Ten thousand dollars to be advanced to O. H. LaGrange, Superintendent of the above Mints, from the unexpended balance of Appropriations for "Construction and equipment of New Branch Mints, San Francisco," and to be disbursed by him in Settlement of expenses incurred in the fitting up of said Refinery.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

A. B. Linderman

Director

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April 6th 5

Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia
Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 5th instant
stating upon accounting for duplicate and
missing Bonds for Collectors Carrying Ships paid
Fees to the Mint, of the late San Francisco
California is received

Your account has been approved and
forwarded to the proper accounting Officers for
settlement and in due time a draft will be
sent you for the amount.

Very respectfully
H. Linderman
Director

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Herman Cater Esq.
Philadelphia

Sir

Yours, enclosing Bill for designs for Medal, and Life Saving Medals of 2d Class, received this morning.

The bill not being made out in proper shape, I enclose herewith a form in duplicate, which You will please accept and return to this Office, when a draft for the amount will be forwarded

Yrs respectfully
A. R. Linderman
Director

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April 7th 5

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of Two Hundred Thousand dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia, to the Treasurer of the United States. The charges for the transportation of the same to be paid from the "Silver Profit Fund" of that Mint.

Very respectfully
A. R. Lindeman
Director

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April 7th 5

Hon. B.H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir.

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars ($400,000) in Subsidiary Silver Coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco, to the Treasurer of the United States. The charges for the transportation of the same to be paid from the "Silver Profit Fund" of that Mint.

Very respectfully
H.R. Linderman
Director

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April 8th 5

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir-

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter from the Supt. of the Assay Office, New York, in reference to the disposition of certain Stamped Mint bars at the Assistant Treasury in that City

The Act of June 22d 1874, authorizes the application of fine gold bullion or bullion of standard equal to or above that of the United States, in the form of stamped Mint bars, to the redemption of coin certificates, or in exchange for gold coins at not less than par, and not less than the market value.

I respectfully recommend that the Asst. Treasurer at New York be authorized to use the bars in his possession for the redemption of coin certificates at the market rate, provided it be not less than one tenth of one per cent premium on the stamped or par value of the bars, or to exchange the

bars at the same premium and under the same restrictions for U. S. Gold coin, the standard weight and value of the bars to be computed, and the coins received in exchange to be of corresponding weight and value.

This last proviso is recommended as the only certain means of preventing coins of less than standard weight from being received in the Treasury in exchange for these bars, as the law allows coins which are not diminished in weight by natural abrasion, more than one half per cent below the standard weight, to be received at their nominal value.

It is quite probable that the large amounts of gold coin received at New York from California, embraced some coins more or less reduced in weight, and which will be likely to find their way to the Treasury, unless the above proviso is adhered to.

Very respectfully

A. B. Lindenmuller

Director.

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Prof. L. E. Rogers
Philadelphia

Sir

Enclosed please find copy of letter of yesterday to C. H. LaGrange Supt. Mint, San Francisco, containing general instructions in reference to the equipment, under your supervision, of the Refinery in that Mint.

Everything is now in readiness for proceeding with the equipment of the Refinery, and you will give directions by letter to Supt. LaGrange as to commencing and conducting, until your arrival in San Francisco, such portion of the work as you have determined to have undertaken under the direction of Mr. Frank Hetrick.

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Funds for such expenses as may be incurred in San Francisco, will be advanced to and disbursed by Supt. LaGrange, and any expenses incurred by you will be settled here on receipt of proper vouchers, and Bills of Lading in the case of material &c. shipped to San Francisco.

Freight must be at through rates, and be stated on the Bills of Lading or Railroad Receipts.

All shipments must be overland by the Union & Central Pacific Railroads.

Very respectfully
J. H. Kinderman
Director

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Account of Ordinary Expenses of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans for the month of March. 1875.

Very respectfully.

[signature]

Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor.
Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month of March. 1875.

Very respectfully.
H. Linderman
Director.

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April 9th 5

Messrs Morgan Corr
Philadelphia

Sir

I desire that Your Mr. Orr should call upon me at the Mint in Your City, on Monday forenoon, the 12th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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April. 9 5

Geo. C. Thompson, Esq.
Agent Adams Express Co.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir.

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for settlement your Bill for June. 1874. enclosed in your letter of June. 30. 1874.

The duplicate of the above bill received today has been filed in this Office.

Very respectfully.

[illegible]

Director.

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April 9th 5—

Gentlemen

A telegram sent you this day in the following words is hereby made official

" Arrangements are in progress to issue Check
" at Philadelphia on Monday and payable at
" Assistant Treasury New York for approximate
" value of bullion. The Check can be delivered
" to Drexel & Company if you so direct. I will be
" at Philadelphia Mint on Monday Morning "

Very respectfully
A. B. Linderman
Director

Messrs. Drexel Morgan & Co
New York

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April 9th 5

Hon S.H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

In order to enable the
Superintendent of the Mint of the United
States at Philadelphia to make payment
to Messrs Drexel Morgan & Co New York for
Silver Bullion recently purchased from
them by the Government, I have to respect
fully request that the Bullion Fund of
that Mint be increased by transfer to the
sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
($500,000) in Gold Coin and that this Amount
be placed to the credit of the Superintendent
of the Mint with the Assistant Treasurer U.S.
at New York.

Very respectfully
H. Linderman
Director

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April 9th 5

Hon W.H. Briston
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

Enclosed herewith I transmit in duplicate the bill of Herman Haber for designs furnished for the Metis Medal and Life Saving Medal of the 2d Class. The bill of Mr Haber is in my opinion reasonable and should be paid.

Very respectfully
S. Kilbourne
Director

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April 7. 5—

Drexel, Morgan & Co. New York,

Arrangements are in progress to issue
check ~~for~~ at Philadelphia on Monday
and payable at Assistant Treasury New York,
for approximate Value of Bullion. The Check
can be delivered to Drexel & Company if
You so direct. I will be at Philadelphia
Mint on Monday morning W. Biddle Linderman
Chas. Lee Supt. Yours Truly
W.B.L.
Treasurer

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April 10th 5

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir I have the honor to request that an additional
room be assigned for the use of this Office.
It is important that a small
weighing balance and some other apparatus should
be put up in this Office, in order that the system
of decimal weights used in bullion transactions
at the Mints, may be made familiar to the clerks
to whom are assigned the check computations
on the various Mint reports and Bullion accounts
In view of the large bullion
transactions which are being carried on, it
is essential that the clerks making the
check computations, should not be
subject to interruption while engaged
in their duties, and the limited quarters
assigned this Office at present do

not afford proper facilities for such an arrangement of business as is in my opinion necessary.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully

H. Rosenwald

Director

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Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Account of Ordinary Expenses of the Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office, New York, for the month of March, 1875.

Very respectfully.

Acting Director.

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Hon. D. N. Mahon.
First Auditor.
Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Medal Fund account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending March. 31. 1875.

Very respectfully.
J. M. Dain
Actin Director.

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April 14th 5.

Gentlemen;

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant enclosing a communication from the Agent of the Gorham Manufacturing Co. requesting the return of certain models in Plaster, forwarded by said Company in October 1874. in response to a Circular from this Department requesting designs for "Metis" and "Life saving" medals.

In reply I would say that I have this day caused these designs to be carefully packed

Messrs Robbins, Clark & Bibb.
1124 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia Pa

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packed, and forwarded per Adams Express Co
to the Gorham M.fg Co. N.Y.

In forwarding these models. one of the
Plaster Casts became detached. and I have
caused a paper wadding to be placed between
it and the glass. to insure as far as possible
their safe transportation.

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
T. Rodman
Director.

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April 14 5

Henry Toerner Esq.
710 Market St.
Philadelphia

Sir

I have to request that you will manufacture for the U.S. Assay Office, New York, the largest Size bullion bar that can be depended on for accurate weighing.

In some conversation I had with You on the Subject on Monday last, I understood You to say that the largest capacity attainable in bullion balances, is 5000 ounces. By this, I suppose You mean the minimum capacity, and beyond which weighing is not to take place; but the bar would actually weigh

6000 ounces at a single draft, if necessary.

I desire the balance made of not less the size and capacity than the largest balance in use at the Philadelphia Mint, and which was manufactured by you in 1867 or 68. You will please take the utmost care to make a first class balance in all respects, and one that can be depended on for the accurate weighing of 5000 ounce drafts.

I believe your price for the largest sized balance has been heretofore, $1600. I shall expect that sum to cover any additional improvements, which may have

Fort Vancouver 1867.

Before the manufacture
of the Indians is undertaken,
I shall be glad to hear
from You on the several points
herein referred to.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
H. Hindeman
Inspector

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Apl. 14th 5

Sir

I am in receipt of Your letter of the 9th and 10th instants, informing me of Mr. Detrick's return to San Francisco, and of certain articles ordered for the Department in the San Francisco Dists.

Your action in the matter is approved. In reference to the four (4) large round bottom pots, and Twenty (20) small pots, which You say, can be purchased only in New York, You are instructed to order from the same parties who have furnished similar articles to the New York Assay Office, and the Mint at Carson.

Very respectfully
J. Ferguson
Director

Prof. R. E. Rogers
1004 Walnut St.
Philadelphia

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Apl. 14 5

My dear Sir

I have just received from Hon. James Pollock, Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, a communication relative to the proposed medal for Dr. Draper, and if convenient, would like to see you at this office in reference to the matter, some day this week.

Very respectfully
A. Pleasonton
Director

Rear Admiral C. H. Davis
Naval Observatory
Washington D.C.

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Sir

March 15th 5

I have received your favor of 12th inst., proposing that the Coinage and U.S. Notes of 1876 be issued with new and appropriate designs in commemoration of the Centennial of American Independence.

I am advised that a similar proposition was informally considered by the proper authorities some eighteen months since, and it was decided that it would be better to strike medals bearing appropriate emblems, devices and inscriptions commemorative of the great events referred to, than to make any special change in the money issues. Under an Act of Congress authorizing their issue, such medals have been struck at the Mint U.S. Philadelphia, for the Centennial Finance Committee.

Very respectfully

W. A. Richardson

Secretary of the Treasury

W. F. Weeden Esq.

Care of L. Prang & Co.

286 Roxbury St.

Boston

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Sept. 15th 5

Sir

Mr. Crawford, Supt. of the Mint at Carlisle, writes me to day asking that a copy of "Mitchells Assaying" may be furnished for his Mint.

If you know such a work, will you be kind enough to order it, and have the bill sent to this office for collection.

The work also can be sent here, and I will forward the same to Mr. Crawford.

Very respectfully
H. Linderman
Director

W. E. Du Bois Esq.
Treasury Mint U.S.
Philadelphia

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April 15, 5.

Prof R. E. Rogers
1004 Walnut Street Philada.

I have not expected to be in your city
soon but can come over for a day
next week if necessary - If entirely
convenient would like you to come here
for a day.

Yours respectfully
W R L

W. R. Linderman
Treasurer

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April 15th 5—

Messrs Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia
Gentlemen

Your letter of the 13th instant
enclosing in duplicate account and Bill of
Lading for "New Centre Piece for the Assay"
shipped the U.S. Mint at San Francisco is
received.

Your account has been approved and
returned to the accounting Officers for settlement
and in due time a draft for the amount will
be remitted you.

Very respectfully
A. R. Linderman
Director

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April. 15. 5

Hon. D. N. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Colorado. for the month of March. 1875.

Very respectfully.

H. Kolinderman

Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the month of February. 1875.

Very respectfully.
J. Rosenbaum
Director.

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Hon W.H. Bisston
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir.

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made on the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office New York to that of the Mint of the U.S. Philadelphia of the sum of fifty five thousand six hundred and fifty nine 45/100 dollars ($55.659.45) payable in 44.459.87 fine Silver bars, purchased on Government account from April 1st @ 5th inclusive

Very respectfully
A.R. Linderman
Direct

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April 16th

L. A. Garnett Esq.

San Francisco Assaying & Refining Works

Dear Sir

I send herewith three copies of pamphlet, being reports of Booth and Burkhart explanatory of the large percentage of Condemned Bars at the Philadelphia Mint, compared with the Mint at San Francisco. One of these copies is for You, one for Genl Hewston, and the other for Prof. Price.

They have been printed for official use only, and I will thank You to regard the copy sent me for Your personal use only, and to inform Hewston and Price. My object is to call out comments and suggestions which You experience in Bullion matters may enable You to make, and the same remark applies to the copies sent to

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other gentlemen above named.

You will observe that Prof. Booth has used a new process, viz: the Segregation of gold in melting with copper, and when other base metals are present.

Very truly yours

J. Marshall

Decatur

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April 16th 5

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, relative to the payment of Express Charges on $200,000 in Subsidiary Silver Coin sent from the Mint, Philadelphia, to the Asst. Treasury at Baltimore, on Transfer Draft of the Treasury Dept.

The Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, has this day been instructed, to pay the Expense of transportation out of the Silver Profit Fund of his Mint.

Very respectfully
A. Henderson
Director

Geo. P. Thompson Esq
Supt. Mint Dept.
Adams Express Co.

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Sir:

During the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874. the Melter & Refiner of the Mint of the U.S. at Carson, Nevada, had a Wastage in his Silver operations over the amount legally allowable under Section 3542 Revised Statutes, U.S., of 724.20 Standard ounces. viz:

Total amount of Silver bullion operated upon from July 1st 1873 to June 30 1874. Std. ozs 2,262,028.98

The actual Wastage upon same was " " 1,117.23

Legal limit of allowance for Wastage on Silver by Melter & Refiner, not to exceed One and one half thousandths of the whole amount operated upon, which would amount to Std ozs 3393.03

Making an excess over legal limit of allowance of 724.20 Standard ounces, the value of same being $840.07

Very Resp
H. Bishop
Secretary of the Treasury

As soon as information reached this Office of the excess in the Melting and Refining Silver Department, the Superintendent, and Assayer, of the Carson Mint, were instructed to make a thorough examination as to the cause or causes of the same and to report the result of such examination to this Office. I also directed Prof. J. H. Schinner, of the Denver Mint, who is regarded as one of the best Assayers and Metallurgists in the United States, and understands thoroughly all Minting operations, to proceed to Carson and make a rigid investigation as to the cause or causes of the excessive wastage by the Melting & Refining of that Mint, in its Silver operations, and to report the result of his investigation to this Office. His report with that of Superintendent Hetrich, and Assayer

[illegible] enclosed herewith, also [illegible]

tract from the report of Mr M. R.
Davis, of this Office on the annual Settle
ment at the Carson Mint.

Upon comparison it is found that
all the reports agree in the main as to
the causes to which the excess of Silver
wastage over the legal limit of allowance
the Melter & Refiner, in his operations, is
due, viz:

Bars being hot and wet when
delivered to the Melter & Refiner
Crowding too much work into
a limited space.
Weighing too precisely by the Cashier
in the delivery of Silver bullion to
the Melter and Refiner.
Incompetency arising from inexperience
of the Melter & Refiner and the workmen

employed to execute the melting at the
begining of the fiscal year, neither having
had experience in manufacturing fine
silver bars to such a high degree of fineness
as that required for commercial purposes.
viz: 999 to 9997/1000. the standard bars manu-
factured prior to July 1st 1873 not having
been above 994 m.

All reports agreeing that there was no
dishonesty on the part of the Melter & Refiner
or the employé's of his department, and that
the experience gained by them will result in
the more satisfactory working of the Refinery
and being fully convinced that the loss under
all the circumstances was in a great
measure unavoidable, an estimate was sub-
mitted for an appropriation to cover the wast-
age of the Melter & Refiner, in his Silver operations

above the legal limit of allowance, occurring
to a clerical error in this office, the amount
estimated for was only $804.07 covering
693.16 Standard ounces when it should have been
$840.07 the bullion value of 724.20 Standard
ounces, and the act making appropriations to supply deficiencies &c approved March
3d 1875, contains an appropriation of $804.07
for wastage on refining silver during the
fiscal year 1874 at the US Mint Carson, Nevada,
therefore to enable the Superintendent to give
the Melter & Refiner credit in part on his accounts, and
to reimburse the Bullion Fund to the same
extent for loss occasioned by excessive silver
wastage I have to respectfully request
that you will cause an account to be stated
in favor of James Crawford, Superintendent
Mint of the United States at Carson Nevada

for the sum of Eight hundred and four 07/100 Dollars ($804.07) "for Wastage on refining Silver" payable in Coin out of the appropria tion above indicated.

This will leave the wastage unprovided for, and with which the Melter & Refiner will still be charged, - 31.04 Standard ounces of the value of thirty six dollars.

Very respectfully
H Edmunds
Director

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April 17th 8—

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 16th instant transmitting bill for copy of Mitchells Assaying sent this Office by Express is received and your account has been passed and referred to the proper accounting Officer for Settlement a draft for which will be sent you in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully
H Linderman
Director

Messrs H. C. Baird & Co
Philadelphia
Pa

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April 17th 5

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the reference to this Office of a communication from the Secretary of State, dated 13th inst., in which referring to the Circular issued by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of January 1. 1874, proclaiming the values of the Standard coins in circulation of the various nations of the World, the inquiry is made, whether the changes in the values, as estimated for the current year, are such as to make it desirable that they should be made known to Consular Officers, and if so, whether the number of copies of the Circular of January 1. 1875, necessary to supply them, can be furnished to the Department of State.

The estimation of values proclaimed on the 1st of January 1875, made no changes as to the respective gold coins embraced in the Circular of January 1. 1874, but altered the values of all the silver coins, and I

am of the opinion, that the same should be made known to Consular Officers.

In order to furnish the Department of State with the required number of the Circulars of January 1. 1875 (Department No. 2 Secretary's Office) proclaiming the value of foreign coins, it will be necessary to reprint the Circular, the supply being nearly exhausted.

It appears to be proper for me to add, that the Trade Dollar of the United States having been adopted as the basis of estimating and expressing in the money of accounts of the United States, the value of foreign Silver Coins, no alteration in the values of such coins will hereafter be made except in the event of a change by law, of the Monetary Standard of any country.

The letter of the Secretary of State is returned herewith.

I am respectfully
H R Linderman
Director

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April 17th 75.

Jas. H. Watmough Esq
Act. Paymaster General
U. S. Navy, Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge your letter of 14th inst. covering an interesting and instructive Communication from P.A.P. Paymaster J. L. Barker Esq, dated Yeds, Lahaina, Jan 25, 1875. in reference to the course of the United States Trade Dollar, in Chinese Ports. The suggestions of Mr Barker will receive subsequent attention.

Very Respectfully
H. Robinson
Secretary of the Board

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Messrs H. C. Baird & Co.

Gentlemen

Be Kind
Enough to send one more
Copy of "Mitchells Assayers" for
the use of this Office.
A draft will be
Sent You for the amount of
Your Bill.

Very respectfully
N. Robinson
Director

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April 19th 5

Hon. Thomas H. Kinder
Junior United Service Club.
London

My Dear Sir

I have the pleasure of acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 30th of January last, enclosing copy of your fourth and finial report as Director of the Mint at Osaka Japan, and duplicate Sets of Japanese Coins, as follows:

Gold.	Silver	Copper.
2. 5 Yens	2 Yens	2 2 Sens
2 2 "	2 50 Sens.	2 1 Sens.
2. 1 "	2 20 Sens.	2 1/2 Sens
	2 10 Sens	2 1 Rins
	2 5 Sens.	

In return for your kindness, I to day transmit in duplicate, Specimen proofs of the Coins of the United States, as follows:

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Gold	Silver	Copper-Nickel
2 Half Eagles	2 Trade Dollars	2 5 Cent Coins
2 Quarter Eagles	2 Half Dollars	2 3 Cent Coins
2 Dollars	2 Quarter Dollars	Bronze
	2 Twenty Cent pieces	2 1 Cent Coins
	2 Dimes	

The Silver Coins embrace the 20 Cents piece authorized by Act of Congress March 3. 1875. In the Gold Coins, the Double Eagle, Eagle and Three Dollar pieces are omitted.

The pleasant relations which have existed between us in our Official positions, will I trust be continued. Now that you have retired from Official life, and I shall always be glad to hear from you, or in any way serve you.

Very truly, Yours

H. Linderman

Director

If you can conveniently do so, please send me copy of your Official Report as Director of the Mint of Japan for the year ending July 31. 1874 - A copy was received by the State Department which is said to be full of interesting information

H. Linderman

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April 19. 5.

A.G. Paquet Esq
1217 North 15th St Philada Pa

Dear Sir.

Before the final
confession of the Life Saving Medal
Dies, please take and forward to
me by Express impression en soft
metal de cire for the same.

Obliged Faithfully yours
H. Lindemann
Director Mint

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April 19th 5—

Sir.

Your letter of the 17th inst. proposing to manufacture for the U.S. Assay Office N.Y. a large Balance Similar to that made by you for the Philadelphia Mint 1867, with improvements and a capacity of Six Thousand (6000) ounces for Sixteen Hundred dollars exclusive of Weights is received.

Your proposition is accepted and you are requested to proceed with the manufacture of the same without delay.

Very respectfully
A. R. Henderson
Director

Henry Troemner Esqr
710 Market Street
Philadelphia
Pa

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April 19th 8—

Hendricks Brothers
49 Cliff Street New York.

Do not require any Copper
at present

Recollect

H Schuneman
Director Mint

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Apl. 20th 5

Sir

On the 9th inst. Your Son called with a note in which you desired to be informed when and where it would be convenient for me to examine certain coins received by you from New Orleans, being the Cabinet of Coins of the late Prof. Shilton.

I suggested to Your Son, that it would be well to forward the box containing the coins unopened to the Superintendent of the Phila^a Mint, in order that the coins might be carefully examined, and a list prepared together with an estimate of value, by the Assayer, Prof. W. E. DuBois. I made the forgoing suggestion on account of Prof. DuBois' being our best Expert on ancient and

rare coins.

Not having received a reply to my Suggestions, I take the liberty of inquiring whether you have sent the coins to the Mint at Philadelphia.

If you prefer not to send them to Philadelphia, and will have them brought to my Office, I will make an Examination of them, and estimate their value.

Very respectfully,
A. Loudermilk
Assessor

Thos. J. Durant Esq.
223 - 4½ St.
Washington D. C.

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March 26. 5.

Wm T. H. Garraway.

Sir,

On receipt hereof You are requested to visit San Francisco and take a full and detailed Inventory of all the Machinery implements. apparatus. fixtures and furniture in the Mint in that City. The Inventory will not embrace Bullion, Coin nor materials used in the various Mint operations

On your way back from San Francisco You will stop at Carson Nevada, and Denver Colorado and take an inventory as above in respect to the Mints located in those Cities respectively.

You will on the completion of your duties, and within Ninety days from this date submit to me the Inventories above required to be taken.

You will be allowed as Compensation

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for your services while necessarily engaged in the performance of the duties herein enjoined upon you Eight dollars per day and your necessary traveling Expenses. Accounts for which will be taken and rendered as prescribed in the enclosed Circular of the Treasury Department and by which you will be governed in all respects.

Your Compensation and Expenses from this date until you shall have completed your duties at San Francisco will be settled by the Superintendent of the Mint in that City and your Compensation and expenses after that date will be settled at the Treasury Department.

The Superintendents of the Mints above named are hereby instructed to afford you the necessary aid and facilities for the discharge of the duties herein specified. Very Respectfully

J. Pickering
Director

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April 20. 5

E. L. Drone Esq.

Appletons Building 55 Broadway N.Y.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with
your request of 16th inst I send
you today by Mail copy of
Navy Official Report for fiscal
year ending June 30. 1874

The Coinage of Gold
is now free at the Mints of the
U. States. So much of the Coinage
act of 1873 as imposed a charge
of 1/5 of one % for Coinage of

having been repealed by the act
of June 12. 1875 (providing for
these payments)

The charge for Coining
Trade dollars was latterly
incurred by the Director with
the approval of the Secretary
from the ½ to 1% on the
Bullion value.

Very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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April 21st 5

Sir.

Will you be kind enough to forward to this Office, the following works Embraced in Your Catalogue.

Napier (James) The ancient Workers and artificers in Metals, from references in the old Testaments and other ancient Writings.

Whitney (J.) Metallic Wealth of the United States, described and compared with that of other countries.

Dictionary of Technical terms used in Arts and Manufactures. English, German, and French. The addition of Commercial terms

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Browne (W. A.) The Money, Weights, and Measures of the Chief Commercial Nations in their Tables with the British Equivalents.

Craig (J. D.) Weights and Measures according to the decimal System, with Tables of Conversion for Commercial and Scientific uses on a new plan.

Eglestone (T.) Tables of Weights, Measures, Coins &c, of the United States and England, with their Equivalents in the Binary Decimal System.

Wolhouse (W. S. B.) Measures, Weights and Moneys of all Nations, and an analysis of the Christian, Hebrew, and Mahometan Calendars.

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Fresenius (Dr. C. R.) Manual of Qualitative Chemical Analysis
from the last English and German Editions. Edited by
Samuel W. Johnson, M.A. With Chemical Notations and
Nomenclature
— A System of instruction in Quantitative Chemical Analysis from
the last English and German Editions — Johnson)

Your Bill when received will be transmitted to
the proper accounting Officers; and a draft forwarded you in
a few days after the delivery of the books.

In addition to the forgoing order can you procure
for me, the following London Works.

Watts Modern Cambist — 16th Edition
Rattles Exchange Tables between England, India & China
13th Edition.
Schultz Universal Dollar Tables, Covering all Exchanges between
the United States, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, Spain and
Germany. If you can these Latter works
on hand be Kind enough

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to forward them with the other
books Embraced in this order.

Very respectfully
H Rubsamen
Director

Hughes & Hughes Stat
15 Astor Place
New York

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April 21st 5

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I have received from James N. Whitmough Esq. Acting Paymaster General, U.S. Navy, a copy of a communication to him from J. J. Barton, Asst Assistant Paymaster U.S. Navy, dated Yokohama, Japan, January 25. 1875, in which an interesting account is given, of the circulation of the Trade Dollar at various Chinese Ports, and the suggestion made, that disbursements on account of the Navy Department at Chinese Ports, should be made in that coin.

It is quite certain that a saving to the Government can be effected by adopting the course recommended by Mr. Barton, and I most respectfully recommend the subject to your consideration. A copy of Mr. Barton's communication is transmitted herewith.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

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April 21st 5

Messrs Drexel, Morgan & Co.
New York

Gentlemen

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official.

"Superintendent of Philadelphia Mint will be ready to settle and pay the entire purchase to morrow by ten oclock noon."

Very respectfully
W. Pennington
Director

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April 21st 5.

Sir

In reply to Yours of yesterday, asking for information as to the manner of obtaining old coins &c, You are informed that proof coins of the United States for the present Calendar Year only, can be obtained at the Mint at Philadelphia at the prices named in the Enclosed circular. Coins of dates, prior to the present year, Can be obtained only from Coin Collectors.

The Circular relative to the redemption of gold coins reduced in weight by natural abrasion, requested in Your letter, is herewith Enclosed.

Very respectfully
A. B. Sniderman
Director

Charles Brick Esq
578 Main St.
Hartford Conn.

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Dear Col Morgan &c.

5—

New York City

Assay Mint is ready to pay balance due on account of both lots of Bullion. Have wanted information on this point which I hope soon as answer can be obtained

Yours Respt

W B L

W Robinson

Assistant Treas

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April 21. 5—

Drexel Morgan & Co. New York

Superintendent of Philadelphia Mint
will be ready to settle and pay the
entire purchase to-morrow by twelve
noon

Thanks, Sept.
W B L

W. Robinson
Director of the Mint

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April 22d 5

Baron de Bussierré
Director of the Mints at Paris

Sir

I had the honor to receive in due course of mail, your esteemed favor of 9th ultimo, and desire that you will accept my thanks for your usual prompt attention to my request.

I have now to inform you, that finding the space allotted for a Refinery in the new Mint building at San Francisco, inadequate for refining by the Sulphuric acid process, we shall probably equip a temporary Nitric acid Refinery with some modifications, and therefore shall not, at least for the present, need to trouble you further upon the subject. Should any change occur in our present plans, I shall in that event, have the honor to again communicate with you upon the subject.

By the mail which carried

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this letter. I send you a printed pamphlet containing reports of the Assayer and Melter and Refiner of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia in relation to the causes of condemned ingots. I would be very glad if your distinguished Assayer, Dr. Eugene Peligot, would examine these Reports, and give me any suggestions on the subject which may occur to him. I have an impression that the difficulty arises from imperfect refining, and insufficient mixing of the bullion in melting. The reports were printed for official, and not public use.

Again thanking You for your kind attentions, I am dear Sir,

With great respect

Your obdt. servant

A. R. Linderman

Director

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April 22. 5.

A. L. Paquet Esq.

1217 North 15th St.

Philad.a Pa. dear Sir

I have the

Soft metal proofs, Lefa Sawing

medal, & have no Comments

to make. I suppose that medals

struck after the dies shall

from been hardened will

more clearly exhibit the

designs, figures &c I trust

that when completed the

medals will fully meet

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our esteemed Citizen.

Very Respectfully

W. B. Lindermuth

Secretary of the Mint

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April 22d 5

Sir

Your Communication of
19th inst. relative to proof sets &c.
of the Mint, Philadelphia, to
whom all applications for
proof coins, medals &c must
be made. I enclose Medal Circulars

Very respectfully
Your Obedient
Servt
A Loudenslager
Director

H. C. Ezekiel Esq.
Nos. 19 & 21 West Pearl St.
Cincinnati

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April 22nd 1865

Messrs McCullough, Dalzell & Co
Crucible Manufacturers
Pittsburg Pa

Gentlemen.

Kindly thank you to furnish this Office with your price for Crucibles Dippers Stirers and Covers of the several numbers and sizes. Manufactured by you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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April. 22 5

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco. Cal. for the month of March. 1875.

Very respectfully.
J. R. Linderman
Director.

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Apl. 22d 5

Sir

Inviting your attention to the enclosed dispatch of Supt. Lalyange, I will thank you to give me your opinion as to the propriety of substituting asphaltum in place of lead for covering the floors of "Cabinet Room", as recommended by Lieut. Huston.

Very respectfully
Your obedient
Servant

Prof. R. S. Rogers
1004 Walnut St.
Philadelphia

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April 23d 5

Gentlemen

I am in receipt of your bill amounting to $20.68, which has been sent to the proper accounting officers for settlement, and a draft for which will be sent you in a few days.

The books indicated in the Bill, arrived by Express this morning.

I will thank you to inform the Works, still remaining at a part of the order, viz:

Browne (W. a.) Money, Weights and Measures of the Chief Commercial Nations in the World, with the British Equivalents.

Rutter's Exchange Tables between

England, India & China 13th Edition
and Schultz Universal Dollar Tables.

Very respectfully
H. Robinson
Director

Messrs John Wiley & Sons
15 Astor Place
New York

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April 23d 5—

Hon B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir.

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of Three hundred Thousand Dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin to be transferred from the Bullion Board of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the Mint at Dalas. The Charges for the transportation of the same to be paid from the "Silver Profits" of that Mint.

Very respectfully

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Director

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April 23d — 5 —

Messrs H. C. Baird & Co
Philadelphia

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 22d instant enclosing your bill for Copy Mitchell assaying furnished for the use of this office is Received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for Settlement and in a few days draft will be sent you for the amount. ($10.)

Very respectfully
H Kretzinger
Director

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April 24 5

Arthur Orr Esq.
Firm of Morgan & Orr
1219 Callowhill St.
Philadelphia

Sir

As You are thoroughly familiar with the Mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco, and the Coining Machinery therein, I will thank You to inform me as to the relative Capacity of the two Mints for Coinage, Supposing both Institutions to have a full supply of Gold and Silver bullion.

In the Statements requested, You will please give me your opinion as to the relative Capacity of the two Institutions with respect to the following—

operations, viz:
Rolling, Annealing,
Cutting and Coining, indicating as
far as practicable, the number
of various machines, and number
and size of annealing furnaces.

I would also like you
to indicate as far as may be
practicable the relative capacity
of the two Institutions for making
Gold and Silver ingots, and the
number of ingot furnaces at
each Institution.

Very respectfully
A. Kleinschmidt
Director

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April 24 5

William Barber U. S. Mint Philad.a Pa

Proceed to Engrave the Mecklenburgh
dies. I write by Mail

Charge Treas Dept

W. Robinson
Director Mint

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April 24. 5.

Messrs Babcock & Son,
Newark N.J.

The production of
unfad bullion from the Mines on the
Comstock lode appears to be in excess of
the parting capacity of the Assay office
N.Y., Carson Mint and the San Francisco
Assaying and Refining Works.

My object in writing is
to ascertain on what terms your firm
would be willing to part bullion of the
class referred to. The charge at
the Assay Office N.Y. for parting such
bullion is 1½ cents per ounce gross.

Under the law you would
be required to deposit either fine bars
or Good Coin in the Assay office to an
amount equal to the unparted bars
delivered to you for parting.

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The first point for you to consider is whether the rate of charge for parting 1½ ozs per ounce gross would be satisfactory. Second whether You could arrange to deposit Bullion or Gold Coin equal in value to each Lot of Bullion delivered to You for parting. The amounts delivered to You from time to time, would be such as would best suit the convenience of Your Operations.

I do not Regard it as necessary to refer to the Suggestion further mentioned as to whether You are likely to undertake a proportion of the charges hereinindicated.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
R. Rosenbaum
Director

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April 24th 5

Fred Delvigne Esq.
Acting German Consul

Sir

In reply to yours of yesterday, asking for a copy of the Mint Laws, I enclose herewith a copy of the Instructions and Regulations governing the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States; and containing the Coinage Act of 1873, under which the Mint Establishment is conducted.

Very respectfully
A. B. Lenderman
Director

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April 24 5

Prof. Wm E. Du Bois
Assayer, Mint U. S.
Philadelphia

Sir

I desire for this Office a balance for taking Specific gravity. Will you be kind enough to inform me, the best place to procure one perfectly reliable, and also the probable price.

Very respectfully
A. R. Linderman
Director

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April 24. 5

Lt Wm Johnston, Charlotte N. C.

Send on Commutees order for Twenty Medals as per my letter of Second Instant

W. R. Linderman
Director of Mints

Treas Dept.
W R L

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Dec. 26th 5

Sir

I am in receipt of your communication of the 23d inst, stating that you had forwarded a piece of native gold on the 14th inst, to be coined, and the proceeds to be returned to you

The gold has not been received at this Office. Presuming that it may have gone to the Mint at Philadelphia, I have addressed a letter of inquiry to the Superintendent, and when answer is received, I will again communicate with you.

Very respectfully
H Rolenderman
Director

Wm Reid Esq.
108 Woodward Ave.
Detroit

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April 27 5

Hon. Moses W. Field.
Detroit. Mich

Sir

Referring to your letter of July 21. 1874, covering a communication from John Horn. Jr., in which he details the names of persons rescued from drowning by him, and to the Act of June 20/74, directing a Gold medal to be prepared and presented to the said John Horn Jr. of your City, I have to request that you will procure and send to me, three photographs of Mr. Horn - One full face, One - three quarter face, and one, side face.

It is my intention to place the profile of Mr. Horn on the obverse of the Medal.

Your early attention will greatly oblige.

Very truly Yours

H. R. Linderman

Director

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April 26th. 5.

Dr. W. F. Harvey. a clerk in the Directors office, will visit the Mint at Philadelphia; and with the aid of the Curator of the Cabinet of Coins, and his Assistants, make a descriptive list in detail of certain Books, Coins, & Medals, the property of the Widow Chilton of New Orleans La. received from Judge Durant, and forwarded to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to-day by Express

A. R. Linderman

Director

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April 26th 1866

Prof. L. E. Rogers
100 N. Walnut St.
Philadelphia

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. relative to covering the pr. of the Refinery at San Francisco with Asphaltum instead of lead as originally proposed, and expressing your views thereon. I have this day sent the following telegram to Supt. Lalprange.

"Leave all floors just as they are for the present. Important modifications of Equipments of Refinery will be decided in few days."

I shall be in Philadelphia on Wednesday next.

Very respectfully
W. Rowlandson
Chief

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April 26. 5.

Hon B. H. Bristow, care Hon E. W. Stoughton
93 Fifth Avenue N.Y.

Professor Rogers will be ready Wednesday.
~~Can~~ May we not have the pleasure
of seeing you in Philadelphia on
that day. I will go there Tuesday
evening

Sheridan Sept
W B L

W. B. Lindsay
Director of the Mint

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Prof R. E. Rogers

April 27. 5

1004 Walnut St
Phila. Pa

I will be at Continental Hotel
this evening.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase
Secretary Treasury Department

H. R. Linderman
H R L

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April. 27 5

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office Charlotte, NC, for the month of March. 1875.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

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April 27. 5—

Col Wm Johnston Charlotte N.C.

The Medals will be forwarded
fifteenth instant. Will send you full
particulars in ten or three days — Obverse
die will be modified according to
your suggestion.

Chief Engraver Treasury Dept

W. Kundemann

Treasurer Mint

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April 27. 5

G. P. Newton 308 Walnut St Phila

Please see me at Continental this evening

Chief Clerk Dept. H. Rhinehardt
H.R.L. Quarter Master

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April. 28 5

Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Account of the Supt. of the U.S. Mint San Francisco, for the Quarter ending Dec. 31. 1874.

Very Respectfully.

W. T. Dowd
Acting Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office Boise City, Idaho. for the month of March. 1875.

Very respectfully.
W. P. Dunn
Acting Director.

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Apl. 29th 5

Sir

I am in receipt of a letter from the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint, this Morning, stating that the piece of native gold sent by you, had been received, and being too small a deposit for Coinage, was sold for $5.10 Currency, and the amount sent to you by Express on the 19th inst.

Very respectfully
M. Patrick
Acting Director

Wm Reid Esq
Detroit
Mich.

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Apl. 30th -

Charles Francis Esq.
No. 57 Main St
Hartford Conn.

Sir

In compliance with the
Request contained in your letter of
the 28th inst, I enclose herewith
Circulars relative to the redemption
of Munn & Co's.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Preston
Secretary

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April 20 5

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of this date, offering to engrave the dies for the Life Saving Medal of the Second Class, for the sum of Seven hundred dollars, the work to be finished and the dies delivered at this Office within three months from date.

Your offer is hereby accepted, and you are authorized to proceed with the work, in accordance with the designs and models herewith submitted, the legends and inscriptions to be precisely the same as in the Life Saving Medal of the first class, except the legend in the upper half of the reverse, which shall read, Life Saving

Medal of the Second Class, instead
of Life Saving Medal of the
first class.
Size of Medal to be two and one
half (2 ½) inches.

Very respectfully
J. Kedzie Lundeman
Director

A. C. Paquet Esq
Philadelphia

Medal of the Second Class, instead
of Life Saving Medal of the
first class.
Size of Medal to be two and one
half (2 ½) inches.

Very respectfully,
J. R. Lundeman
Director

A. C. Paquet Esq
Philadelphia

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Sir-

The dies for the Life Saving Medal of the first class, engraved by you, have been carefully examined and approved.

You will please deliver them to me at this office on the 2d day of July next, at which time payment of the contract price, fifteen hundred dollars ($1500) will be made to you.

Very respectfully
J. R. Hindman
Director

A. C. Paquet
1308 Park Ave.
Philadelphia

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April 30th 5

John H. Wheeler Esq.
Washington D.C.

Sir

Upon the receipt of this communication you are authorized and requested to visit the Mint at Charlotte, N. C., now conducted as an assay office.

Congress having failed to appropriate any funds for continuing operations at that Institution, it will have to be closed on and after the 1st of July next.

You will please make an inventory of all the Machines, apparatus, fixtures, furniture, carpets &c., and also make a statement as to the quantity and value of the bullion, fluxes &c. and reports as to the best means of disposing of the same, either by sale at that locality, or shipment to Philadelphia or New York.

The Statements will embrace

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the Assay balances, Weights and other special
implements belonging to assaying, and you will
please indicate what portion of these implements
could be transferred for use at any other Mint
or Assay Office of the United States.

Some arrangement will have to
be effected, for the proper care of the building
after the close of the current fiscal year, and
until some provision as to its disposition shall
be made by the proper authority, and you will
please make such recommendation in the
case as may appear proper to you.

You will be allowed as compen-
sation for your services, Eight (8) Dollars per
diem, and your necessary expenses while
Engaged in the performance of the duty herein
devolved upon you.

It is expected that your
report will be received at this Office by the

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25th of June next, as it will be necessary for you to complete the examination within the current fiscal year, and leave a margin of a few days for the necessary instructions to be issued for closing the Institution, and its custody thereafter.

Your attention is directed to the enclosed Circular of the Treasury Department relative to vouchers for traveling Expenses, and a strict Compliance therewith requested.

Very respectfully.

H. R. Linderman

Director

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Phila 20th 5

Sir

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th inst, informing me that you had sent by Express, one box containing Models for the Life Saving Medal of the second Class, and also the original design.

The box and design came safely to hand yesterday.

I will thank you to prepare and forward to this Office at your earliest convenience, three Models of the obverse and reverse design of the Life Saving Medal of the 2d Class.

Very respectfully

J. R. Anderson

Director

Charles J. Stanley,
611 North 7th St
Philadelphia

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May 14th 5

Hon B.H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

Be pleased to issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States, in favor of James Crawford, Superintendent Mint of the U.S. at Carson, Nevada, for the sum of Nine hundred and eighteen 53/100 Dollars, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of said Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30 1874

Very respectfully
E. R. Linderman
Director

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May 1st 5

Prof. A. C. Leyner
1004 Walnut St.
Philadelphia

Sir

In compliance with your request, contained in your letter of the 29th ult, I have had prepared, and herewith enclose, tracing plan of the repairing round in the New Mint, San Francisco.

Very respectfully
A. Robinderman
Director

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Phila. 1st 5

Sir

The arrangements which Superintendent Lafrange has kindly made for you, appears to be more favorable and advantageous in all respects, than the special assignment originally contemplated.

Under the arrangement referred to, and Your appointment as Asst Clerk, You will consider Yourself as acting Entirely under instruction of the Superintendent, and I sincerely trust that Your efficiency, fidelity, and attention to duty, will be such as to Command his approbation, and reflect credit upon Yourself.

Yr respectfully
J. Robertson
Director

H. C. Johannes Esq
Asst Clerk
Mint U.S. Philada

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May 1st 5

Gentlemen

Acknowledging your favor of the 2nd inst. I have to inform you that we have made the arrangement with you for sporting Smelting, & intended to deliver in quantity, to suit your convenience, say from 10,000 to 50000 ounces of the value of about $2.00 per ounce.

It is not likely that any bullion will be required, until about the first part of July next.

Very respectfully

H Schnaderbeck

Director

Messrs Salmon & Son

Newark

N.J.

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May 1st 1851

Gentlemen

Enclosed herewith I transmit
by of a requisition made by the Superin
endent U.S. Mint at Carson Nevada Ter
Office for Copper Cannisters, which
u are hereby authorized and requested
manufacture at or about the price
harged (50 cents per pound) for the Cannisters
ade and Shipped by you to the U.S.
ints at San Francisco a short time since.
ou will please inform me as to the
ime it will require to manufacture the
umber of Cannisters requested.

Very respectfully
A. R. Linderman
Director

Messrs Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia

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May 1st 5

B. F. Stevens Esq
No. 4 Trafalgar Square
Charing Cross, London

Sir

I have to acknowledge your communication of the 15th ult. with Enclosures as stated, and transmit herewith Bill of Exchange No. 711562, drawn by Riggs and Co on Messrs J. S. Morgan and Co. for £ 4 " 6 " 4 ., being the amount of your Bill.

In the list yet to be obtained, please omit the one gold Yen of Japan, and procure, if possible, One Silver florin of the Netherlands, One Silver Rouble of 100 Copecks of Russia. and the gold piece of the value of 500 Piastres, struck in commemoration of the opening of the Suez Canal, and

which Mr. Beardsley, U. S. Consul General at Cadiz, in his note to you says, "he can procure for the U. S. Mint as a favor." The Coin when received, will be placed in the Mint Bureau Cabinet

I will also thank you to procure, if possible, One Gold Doblone or Isabelino of 100 reales from the dies of Isabel II. 1868, and the old price of 4 reales of Spain.

I may add, that the information coming to you from the Secretary of Legation at Madrid, in reference to the Coinage of Spain is quite important, as we were not before aware that the law authorizing the Gold pieces to be struck, had been suspended.

Thanking you for

Your courtesy, and the trouble you
have taken to procure the coins
requested,

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
F. Robinderneau
Director

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May 30 — 5 —

Prof R. E. Rogers.
1004 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

Sir:

The Assay Office at New York will only be able to spare from 12 to 15 of the Porcelain Refining Pots, instead of 22. as formerly stated, which with the 13 on hand at San Francisco will give from 25 to 28 for the use of the New Refinery. If you think it necessary and will furnish the name of the party in London having these Pots for sale we will send out an order for such number as may be required.

Very respectfully
J. Ledoux
Director

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May 3d 5

Prof. R. E. Rogers
1004 Walnut St.
Philadelphia

Dr. Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 30th ult. in which you request authority to change the plan of equipping the new Refinery at the Mint in San Francisco, from the previously proposed Sulphuric acid process, to the one involving the use of Nitric acid, and State that through certain improvements devised by you in the Nitric acid process for refining Gold and Silver, and exhibited practically to me on the 28th ult. You estimate that many thousand dollars may be saved in the original outlay for equipping the said Refinery, and that we shall be able to refine the precious metals at a price as low, if not lower, than is now done in this country, by the use of Sulphuric acid.

Knowing that you have made

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the refining of the precious metals, and the proper process to be employed at the new Mint in San Francisco, a subject of careful investigation, and reposing full confidence in your chemical, Metallurgical and practical Skill, the modification of the plan and process of refining proposed by you, is hereby approved, and you are authorized to proceed immediately with the equipment of the Refinery, in accordance therewith.

Very respectfully
A. R. Linderman
Director

Approved
R. W. Burton
Secretary of the Treasury

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May 3d 5

Gentlemen

I have to acknowledge
receipt of your letter of the 1st inst.,
and reply to the inquiries made therein,
as follows.

The coinage of the
fractional pieces for the redemption
of the fractional Treasury notes is
proceeding at the Mints of the United
States, and the Silver required for
such coinage, is purchased from
time to time by the Superintendents
of the Mints, and the Assay Office
at New York, respectively.

The time for commencing
the issue of the Silver coin has
not yet been fixed by the
Secretary of the Treasury.

The fineness of the

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Silver coins to be issued in nine tenths
and the weight 385 8/10 grains to
the Dollar. Whether composed of
10, 20, 25, or 50 cent pieces. The
weight of $1000. in such coin would
be 903 75/100 ounces troy.

The standard weight
of the Trade Dollar is 420 grains,
and $1000. in Trade Dollars would
weigh 8.75 ounces troy.

All gold and silver coins
of the United States are nine tenths
fine, or 900 parts pure metal
to 100 parts alloy.

Very respectfully
Yours
A. Loudenslager
Director

Messrs L. Von Hoffman & Co
No. 50 Wall St.
New York

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May 3d 5

Hon. W. H. Briston
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100.000) in Subsidiary Silver Coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U.S. at Carson, Nevada to the Treasurer of the United States, the Charges for the transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of said Mint from the Silver Profit Fund thereof.

Very respectfully
A. Loudermilk
Director

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May 2d 5

C. D. Brooks Esq.
No. 355 Atlantic Avenue
Boston

Sir

In Compliance with request contained in letter from Miss C. A. Northam, dated Brooklyn, Apl: 25. 1865, I herewith Enclose designs for Metis Medal submitted by her under Circular of this Department inviting designs for the Same.

Very respectfully
H. Kelinderman
Director

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May 3d 5-

Majo C. A. Worthan
44 Tompkins St
Brooklyn N.Y.

In compliance with request contained in your letter of the 25th ult. I have this day mailed to C. D. Brooks, No. 355 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, the design submitted by you for the Metis Medal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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May 3d 5

Sir

In reply to Your letter of the 1st inst. relative to making up Your accounts to the 31st of March, requesting whether You shall Return them to this Office, or to the Department direct. You are informed that Your accounts will be rendered as usual, through this Office.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. Lindermann

D. W. Raymond Esq.
Commissioner of Mining Statistics
New York

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May 4th 5

Prof. R. E. Rogers

Philadelphia

Sir

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 1st inst, recommending the coating of the Cabinet floor of the San Francisco Mint with asphaltum, and suggesting that Mr. Letnick be directed to have constructed the tubs for washing Silver and Gold of the size and number agreed upon, but not to construct any large rectangular ones at present.

In accordance with your recommendation and suggestion, I have telegraphed Superintendent Lalyrange as follows:

"Plank floor of Cabinet Room laid with asphaltum. Leave the whole of the remainder of the floor of Refinery as it is. Construct

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Tubs for washing Silver and Gold
of the size and number agreed upon
when Mr Reich was here. Do not
construct any large rectangular
vats at present."

Very respectfully

A Rohrdeerman

Director

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May 4th 5—

Sir

Your letter of yesterday, in answer to certain questions propounded by me in my communication of the 2d inst., relative to certain points in the opinion rendered, has been received, and the explanation contained therein, has cleared all doubts in my mind upon the subject.

Very respectfully—

[illegible]

Director

Brevt. J. D. Rogers
1004 Walnut St
Philadelphia
Pa

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May 4th 1868

Hon. H. McCulloch

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the Reference to this Office, of a letter from Hon Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State, under date of April 20th 68, with enclosures from Hon. E. B. Washburne, Minister to France, and Mr. J. Gordon, a citizen of Paris, in relation to the sale of a Madonna valued by Congressman Cornelius Vanderbilt and which Mr. Gordon states was stolen from the First National Bank of the City of New York, now in possession of the National Bank Examiner.

On the 4th of December 1867, the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint addressed a letter to this Office with an enclosure from Hon. Gordon, upon the subject of the Vanderbilt sales being deposited in the First National Bank and suggested such action as would secure the immediate delivery at the Mint in Philadelphia

In correspondence with the Presidents of the Banks referred to, I stated that

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the dies were left in his possession by a Mr. Ellis, and at my request they have been transferred to the Mint at Philadelphia, and are now in the custody of the Superintendent.

The letter from the Secretary of State, and enclosures, are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be,

very respectfully

[illegible]

Dr. Elmer

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May 4th 5—

Prof R. E. Rogers
1004 Hanover Street Philadelphia

Take pots offered by Powers and
Weightman and Ship them overland,

Charge
Treasury Dept

W. R. L.

W. R. Linderman
Director Mint

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May 5

Hon. D. M. Marion,
Asst. Treasr.

Sir.

I am transmitting the Bullion Account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco for the Fourth Quarter, 1874, on the 28th ultimo. I neglected to inform you that "Account Silver Report No. 35", "Gold Bullion Certificate No. 2058" and "No. Coin" were not with the Account having been returned for correction.

I send you herewith "Report No. 35" (mentioned above) (Three)

this day.

Very respectfully.

H Vandeventer

Director.

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May 5th 5

Sir

You are kind Enough to furnish my last Annual Report Some very valuable Statistics in relation to the bullion products of Nevada and California.

I would be very happy if you will furnish similar data for the fiscal Year Ending June 30. 18 .

I am desirous of learning the total production of Gold and Silver respectively in California and Nevada including deposits and the Amount yield.

I shall endeavor and Command you for You to give us the same time an Estimate of the Products of the State of Oregon and Territories of Washington, and

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Arizona respectfully. We think enough
to do so.

Please to include such
data in relation to the movements
and destination of Indians as in
your judgment, would be interesting
to the public.

Very truly Yours.
H. Robinson
Director

Lt. Garnett &c.
Reporting on Military Affairs
San Francisco.

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May 5th 5

Sir;

In reference to the Box of Coins Medals &c. belonging to the widow of Prof. Chilton of New Orleans La. and recently forwarded to the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for examination and appraisal. I enclose herewith a copy of the report on the subject made by Prof Du Bois Assayer at the mint.

One of the clerks of this office was detailed to Philadelphia for the purpose of better superintending their

Thomas J. Durant Esq
Washington D.C.

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their unpacking. and to ensure their safety. until an examination by an expert could be made.

From the report of Prof Du Bois. you will perceive that these coins and medals are of comparatively little value for Cabinet purposes. such as contemplated.

The trays. Books &c have been carefully repacked. and the Box is at the Mint at Philadelphia and subject to your order.

I am Sir. very respectfully

A Loudermann

Director.

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May 5th 5

Prof R. E. Rogers
1004 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

Sir.

Your letter of the 4th inst. stating that you had purchased twelve Porcelain Pots of Messrs Powers & Weightman, and directed their Shipment to San Francisco is received and your action is approved.

I have written the Superintendent of the Mint Philadelphia, to furnish me with the name of the party in Prussia or their Agent in that City who manufacture Porcelain Pots, such as in the Nitric Acid Refinery of the Philadelphia Mint.

I will thank you to furnish me with the number that in your opinion we should order, taking into consideration

the probable introduction of the new
process of Refining into the Mints at
Carson, Philadelphia, and Assay Office
New York.

Very respectfully

A Loudermann

Director

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May 5 — 5

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, for the month of March. 1875.

Your attention is called to an overpayment of 0.37 on Voucher No. 130, bill of Virginia & Truckee R. R.

Very respectfully
H Kinderman
Director.

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May 5th 5.

Sir:

Agreeable to the request contained in your letter of the 5th instant. I have this day mailed to your address a copy of my annual report for 1874.

I am Sir very respectfully

W Blenderman

Director

Charles Drowne Esq

Troy New York.

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May 5th 5

Hon B.H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100.000) Subsidiary Silver Coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia to the Treasurer of United States, the charges for the transportation of the same to be paid by Superintendent of said Mint from Silver Profit Fund thereof.

Very respectfully
H. Linderman
Director

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May 6th 5

His Excellency.
Hon James L. Kemper
Governor of Virginia

Sir -

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report a detailed Statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States and shall be greatly obliged, if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office as soon after the 30th of June next, as may be convenient, a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively in your State, during the fiscal year ending the last day.

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
H Robinson
Director

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May 6th 5

His Excellency.
Hon Lafayette Grover
Governor of Oregon

Sir

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report a detailed Statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office as soon after the 30th of June next, as may be convenient, a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively in your State, during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
H. R. Linderman
Director

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May 6th 5

His Excellency.
Hon John J. Jacob
Governor of West Virginia

Sir.

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report, a detailed Statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged, if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office as soon after the 30th of June next, as may be convenient, a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively, in your State, during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
A. Kolinderinen
Director

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May 6th

His Excellency

Hon. Brig. H. Graham

Secretary of State

Sir

I intend presenting to the next Congress a memorial praying for the extension of the Patent rights of Spencer Roberts in the United States, and would be greatly obliged, if you would prepare and transmit to this office as soon as the Statistics as may be connected with the Production of Iron in your State, during the year ending on that day.

I am respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

Senator

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May 6th 65

His Excellency
Hon Asahel Peck.
Governor of Vermont

Sir.

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report, a detailed Statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office, as soon after the 30th of June next as may be convenient, a statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively, in your State, during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully.
A. R. Linderman
Director

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May 8th

His Excellency
Hon William Gaston
Governor of Massachusetts.

Sir:

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report, a detailed Statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged, if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office as soon after the 30th of June next as may be convenient a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively, in your State, during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully.
A. Dallas
Director.

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May 5th 5

His Excellency
Hon D. H Chamberlain
Governor of South Carolina

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report a detailed Statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office as soon after the 30th June next, as may be convenient, a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively in your State, during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Director

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May 6th 5

His Excellency
Hon L. H. Brogden
Governor of North Carolina

Sir -

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report, a detailed statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office, as soon after the 30th of June next, as may be convenient, a statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively, in your State during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
A Roudenbush
Director

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May 6th 5

His Excellency.
Hon John S. Bagley
Governor of Michigan

Sir.

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report, a detailed Statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged, if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office as soon after the 30th of June next, as may be convenient a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver, respectively, in your State, during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
A Loudenslager
Director.

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May 6th 5

His Excellency
Hon. George S. Houston
Governor of Alabama

Sir

I intend presenting in my next annual Report, a detailed Statement of the production of the precious metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged if you will have prepared and transmitted to this office, as soon after the 1st of June next as may be convenient, a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver from the Mines of your State, during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be,
very respectfully
A. R. Linderman
Director

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May 6th

His Excellency
Hon. James M. Smith
Governor of Georgia

Sir

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report, a detailed Statement of the products of the precious metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged, if you will have prepared and transmitted to this office as soon after the 30th of June next as may be convenient, a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively from the Mines of your State, during the official Year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

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His Excellency.
Hon. John. R. Taylor.
Governor of Wisconsin.

Sir.

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report a detailed Statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged, if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office, as soon after the 30th of June next, as may be convenient, a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively, in your State, during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
A. Linderman
Director.

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May 6th 5

His Excellency.
Hon Cushman K. Davis.
Governor of Minnesota.

Sir.

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report a detailed Statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States and shall be greatly obliged, if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office as soon after the 30th of June next, as may be convenient a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively in your State during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the Honor to be
very Respectfully.
A. Richardson
Director.

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May 6th 5

His Excellency.
Hon Jas. D. Porter &c.
Governor of Tennessee

Sir.

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report a detailed Statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office, as soon after the 30th of June next, as may be convenient a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively in your State, during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the Honor to be
Very Respectfully
A. Linderman
Director

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May 6th 5

Frank Leslie Esq.
No. 537 Pearl St.
New York

Sir

In reply to your note of the 4th inst.
I have to state that it will afford
me pleasure to furnish you copies
of public medals now in course of
preparation, whenever the dies are
sufficiently advanced to admit of an
impression in soft metal, being
taken.

I send you herewith, an impression
of a medal commemorative of the
100th Anniversary of the Mecklenburg
Declaration of Independence.

Very respectfully
A Bickerdike
Director

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May 6th 5

Hon. George F. Bowerbell

Chairman, Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment

Sir

Referring to the call of your Committee at this Office to day, I take the liberty of sending herewith six copies of the Instructions and Regulations in relation to the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay Offices, with the request that you will be so kind as to distribute the same among the Members of Your Committee

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully

Y. R. Linderman

Director

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May 6th 5

G. L. Newton Esq.
305 Walnut St.
Philadelphia

Sir

A Telegram in the following words, sent You this day, is hereby made official.

"Do Nothing at present. Letter by mail"

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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May 6 5

G. B. Newton, 303 Walnut St.
Philadelphia.

Do nothing at present. Letter by mail.

W. Polk Green
Director

Chge. Treasy Dept
W.R.L.

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May 7th 5

His Excellency
Hon Benj. F. Potts
Governor of Montana
Sir

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report, a detailed Statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office as soon after the 30th of June next, as may be convenient, a Statement, showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively, in your Territory, during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A. R. Linderman
Director

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May 7th 5.

His Excellency
Hon John A. Campbell.
Governor of Wyoming

Sir

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report, a detailed Statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States and shall be greatly obliged if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office as soon after the 30th of June next as may be convenient, a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively in your Territory during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. Kolendamer
Director.

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His Excellency
Hon Meriwether Giddings
Governor of New-Mexico.

Sir.

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report, a detailed Statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office, as soon after the 30th of June next, as may be convenient, a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively in your Territory during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Director.

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May 7th 5

His Excellency
Hon A. P. K. Safford
Governor of Arizona

Sir-

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report a detailed Statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged, if you will have prepared and transmitted to this office, as soon after the 30th of June next, as may be convenient, a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively in your Territory during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
A. Kohlenberg
Director.

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May 7th 6

His Excellency
Hon George L. Woods
Governor of Utah

Sir.

I am directed by the Secretary of the Treasury to request that the Statement of the production of the precious metals in the United States, may be greatly obliged, if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office as soon after the 30th of June next, as may be convenient, a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively in your Territory during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Director

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Aug 7 5

His Excellency
Hon. J. A. Pennington
Governor of Dakota

Sir

I beg leave presenting to you with this, a detailed Statement of the proceeds of the various Sheets in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged if you will have prepared & transmitted to this office as soon after the 30th of June next as convenient, a Statement showing the same for that and other States respectively in your Territory for the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
H Barnard
Director

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May 7th 5

His Excellency
Hon Elisha. P. Ferry
Governor of Washington Territory.

Sir.

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report, a detailed Statement of the production of the precious Metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged, if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office, as soon after the 30th of June next, as may be convenient, a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively, in your Territory during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
A. Soetbeer
Director

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May 5th 5

Sir

I have this day received a letter from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, stating that the Mecklenburg Medals would be ready for shipment by to morrow, and that at my suggestion the price has been modified as follows

Silver Medals — 65 cents Each, in Silver
Bronze " — 20 " " in Currency.

I have instructed the Superintendent to ship the Medals to you by Express C.O.D., and to render his Bill for the Silver Medals at their Currency value,

The Bill will stand about as follows

200 Silver Medals @ 65¢ — $130 — Silver
1000 Bronze " @ 20¢ — 200. Currency
Bris — 75. "

making in all about $4 U.S. currency.

Very respectfully
H Blandiman

Director

Col. Wm Johnston
Committee on Medals.
Charlotte, N.C.

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May. 7 5

Hon. D. Ch. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Account of Ordinary Expenditures of the U.S. Mint Superintendent at the U.S. Mint at New Orleans. La. for April 1875.

Very respectfully.
W. R. Linderman
Director.

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May 7th 5

Col. John H. Wheeler.
U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte N.C.

Sir

In your Examination, preparatory to closing up the Assay Office at Charlotte, You will take an Inventory of all dies, collars, punches, that may have been left in the Coining operations since the Cessation of Coining operations in 1861.

You will also transfer to forward all such dies and collars to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. Robinson
Director

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R. E. Rogers, 1004 Walnut St. Philadelphia

The purchase of Slate tanks, as suggested, is approved.

Chief Bay Dept
A.R.C.

H. Robinson
Director

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May 10th 1825

Baron de Bussierne

Director of the Mint

Paris

Sir

Permit me to introduce to you, Mr. Pierre de P. Rivaults, of the School of Mines, Columbia College, New York, who visits Europe, with a view to studying the processes pertaining to his profession. I commend him to your kind consideration and courtesy.

With great respect.

H. Robinson

Director of the M.

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May 10th 5

Hon. Sec. W. Freemantle

Dep. Master Royal Mint

London, England.

Sir

Permit me to introduce to you,

Mr. Pierre de P. Ricketts, of the School of

Mines, Columbia College, New York,

who visits Europe, with a view to

studying the processes pertaining to

his profession. I commend him to

your kind consideration and courtesy.

With great respect

I have the honor to be

Your obt. Servt.

A. Lindeman

Director of the Mint.

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May 10th 5

Mr. J. Pollard,
Director of the Mint
Brussels.

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With great respect
J. Kelly
Director of the Mint.

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May 10th 5

Sir

I wrote some time since to Hon. Moses M. Field, asking him to procure for me, three photographs of yourself. I presume however, that Mr. Field has been absent from your city, and did not receive my letter, as no reply has arrived at this Office.

It is my intention to place your likeness upon the Medal authorized to be presented to you by a late Congress, and I would thank you to forward at your convenient, one full face, one three quarter, and one side face photograph of yourself, in order that I may select from the three, the one most suitable for the design.

Very respectfully

H. Kendrick

Director

John Horn Jr.

Detroit

Mich.

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May 10th 65.

J. T. Johnson.

Respd Wm J. Berdan & others.

Board of Trade, Newcastle, C. E.

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge

the receipt of Your Communication of the

5th inst enclosing Report of the proceedings

of the Board of Trade in reference to

the location in Your City of the

proposed Coinage Mint, and

inviting me to examine the

advantages offered by Denver for

the location of a Mint. In reply

I have the honor to state that

Sometime during the Coming

Summer, probably about 20th June,

I shall wait upon him today and endeavour to ascertain what additional Mounting Apparatus are required to meet the growing hostile interest of your Section of the Country.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servt
Secretary of War.

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May 10th 5

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir-

I recently requested Mr. B. F. Stevens, U. S. Diplomatic Agent at London to procure for this Office, a Gold coin of the five pesetas of Spain, and in reply to which request, that gentleman sends me the following information furnished him by the Secretary of Legation at Madrid, under date of March 6. 1875.

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"In conversation to day with the Director of the Spanish Mint, I learn that the Peseta gold piece, although provided for by the Figuerola law of 1869, has never been struck, even experimentally. That law was intended to conform to the French unit, and under it a large amount of silver coinage was put in circulation.

Preparations was made for a corresponding gold coinage, and dies for pieces of 100 pesetas and 25 pesetas were engraved and proof impressions struck, when the Bank of Spain, which held a considerable reserve in the gold coinage of Isabel II,

interposed a protest and caused the suspension of the Figuerola law. Consequently the old gold coinage remains the Standard of values, and the legal peseta is the old piece of 4 reales, and not the new piece of 3.85 reales intrinsic value, although the reduced Silver coinage of the Figuerola law, is current as conventionally equal in value to that of Isabel II.

From 1869 to the end of May 1873, the only gold coins struck by the Spanish Mint have been doblones or ioalones of 100 reales, from the date of Isabel II, 1868. The number of these coined during that time was 12,833,885."

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I deem the above information of sufficient importance to warrant me in asking your attention to it.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully

Jas Richardson

Director

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I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully

Jas Richardson

Director

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May 10th 6

J. Cassanneda Esq.
Consul General of Chili
San Francisco

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 7th of April last, in relation to certain articles for the Chilian Exposition, and to state that the subject is receiving the attention of the Officials here, who are charged with such matters, and your request will be complied with as far as it is possible and practicable to do so.

I am very respectfully
J. Rleasen

Direct

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May 10th 5—

Charles L Stanch Esqr
Philadelphia
Sir.

Your letter of the 8th instant
enclosing your account amounting to $154.00
for Models and Conservations of the
obverse and reverse of Life Saving Medal
of the Second Class &c is received.

Before payment can be made it is necessary
that you render your account in duplicate.

Very respectfully
J. Rademann
Director

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May 10th 5

Sir;

As per request contained in your letter of the 6th instant. I have mailed to your address this day, a copy of my annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873.

I am Sir, very respectfully
A. Robinson
Director.

Thomas A. Shaw Atty
Wyandotte Kansas.

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May 10, 5.

Dear Col,

I have Your favor of 6th inst and have this day Requested the Supt of the Mint at Phila: to strike and forward to You five additional Silver Medals, Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence,

Very Truly Yours
W Polk Brem[illegible]
Secretary

Col Wm Johnston
Charlotte
N.C.

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May 10th 5—

Hon W.H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100.000) in subsidiary Silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of said Mint from the "Silver Profit Fund" thereof.

Very respectfully
J. Ross Snowden
Director

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May 10th 5

Prof R. E. Rogers
1004 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

Sir.

Your letter of the 5th instant enclosing your account in duplicate for services rendered at various times between the 29th of July 1874, and 9th of March 1875, by direction of this Office is received, and has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officer for settlement.

I enclose for your guidance in the future the Circular letter of the Secretary of the Treasury relating to allowances for traveling Expenses.

Very respectfully
H. Kuldeman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month of April, 1875.

Very respectfully,
J. R. Snowden
Director.

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Dr.

May 11th

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst, acknowledging receipt of impressions of the Mecklenburg Medals. You will notice on the reverse that the word "Mecklenburg" being incorrect, and discovered fortunately before the medals were struck off. If you intend publishing the designs, I will thank you to correct the word. The official documents in my possession make it Mecklenburg.

I shall be happy to send you fac-similes of other medals when completed.

Frank Leslie Esq
New York

Very respectfully
W. Kobbe
Engraver

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May 11th

Sir

In reply to yours of June relative to furnishing a model of the Life Saving Medal to Mr. Paquet in place of one broken by accident You are instructed to furnish Mr. Paquet with the model desired.

Very respectfully
W. B. Lunderman
Director

Charles L. Stanch Esq
611 North 7th St
Philadelphia

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May 11th 1875

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I have your letter of the 3d inst., and copies of various papers therein referred to, in relation to the valuation of the Silver Florin of Austria, and the manner of estimating the paper Florin of that Empire, in invoices of goods coming from that country.

After referring to my letter of July 18. 1874. to the Asst. Secretary of the Treasury, Department's letter of October 23. 1874, to the Collector of Customs, New York, and its Circular of January 1. 1875, proclaiming the value of the Standard coins of the various nations of the world, you request from me "a review of the whole subject, and an expression of my views as to the proper action to be taken, and whether or not I should certify to the value of any depreciated paper money, bearing the name and circulating instead of any of the foreign coins mentioned" in your

letter, by comparison with the value of the Silver coin which it represents, and in American Silver Dollars or in American Gold Dollars."

The principal difficulty in connection with estimating and certifying by Consuls, as to the value of the paper florin of Austria, has arisen from the assumption that Gold, and not Silver, is the monetary standard of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

The U. S. Consul at Vienna in his letter of June 17. 1874, states that "it has always been the practice to estimate the value of the paper florin, by comparing it with the daily quotation of the premium of the Silver florin at the Bourse. Recent events, however, have depreciated the Silver Florin, and it is now in no sense a Standard of value in this Empire, and the Bourse quotation has become merely nominal."

He further states, that in consequence of the abrogation of the Monetary Treaty between Austria Hungary

and Prussia, "the Silver florin of Austria-Hungary is no longer current in Germany, and is bought and sold as a depreciated coin", and concludes by stating that "there is no commercial use for the Silver florin, for while duties and railway fares are nominally in Silver, they are in fact, paid for in paper, at a rate of exchange fixed monthly in advance and higher than the rate quoted at the Bourse."

The Consul does not refer to any law authorizing or recognizing the alleged change from the Silver to the Gold standard, but states substantially that the Silver-florin has ceased to be the standard of value "because it has been thrown out in Germany."

I have carefully reviewed the whole question, and find, that as stated in my letter of July 17. 1874, the monetary standard of the Austro-Hungarian Empire is Silver, and not Gold, and that the monetary unit is the Silver florin.

The actual circulating medium of the Empire is a depreciated paper currency, and which

being a legal tender, makes Gold and Silver coins, simply articles of commerce, and as the Empire is mostly surrounded by countries of the Gold Standard, commercial transactions in Gold coin, no doubt largely exceed those in Silver, as stated by the Consul at Vienna, but that does not alter the fact that the monetary Standard is Silver.

The paper currency having been issued during a period while Silver was as it still is, the legal Standard of value, and that metal being now relatively cheaper than gold, it is not at all probable, that a change from the Silver to the Gold Standard, will be made, until at least after the enormous paper circulation of that Empire shall have been called in, or otherwise disposed of.

In further reply to your inquiry, I am of the opinion, that the lawful and proper basis for the adjustment of international tariffs between countries of the Silver Standard and the United States, is the quantity of pure Silver contained

in the Standard coin of such countries, compared with the pure Silver contained in the American Silver Dollar of 412.5 grains troy, 9/10 fine, issued under the Coinage Act of 1873, and that where depreciated paper currency circulates in the place of any foreign Standard Silver coin, the value of such paper currency should be estimated in Silver, not in Gold, except in the case of countries of the double Standard, where Gold should be the basis of comparison, as for example France and Italy, and Consuls should certify accordingly.

The 8 florin - 20 franc piece which the Consul at Vienna states to be practically the arbitrator of exchanges at Vienna, cannot be regarded in any other light than as a Commercial or Trade coin, having taken the place in the Austro-Hungarian Coinage System of the gold crowns, and half crowns, which were ostensibly stated to be "not

to have the attribute of a fixed silver currency, as a tender of payment, and that no one is obliged to receive said coins in payment instead of silver coins."

In conclusion, it appears to be proper to remark that the present American Silver Dollar on the basis of which the values of foreign Standard Silver coins was estimated on the 15th of January last, corresponds at near as may be to the market ratio in Gold of the Silver it contains, being the basis for converting foreign Standard Silver moneys into the money of account of the United States, removes all complications arising out of the decline during the last ten years in the value of Silver relatively to Gold.

The enclosures are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

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May. 11 5

n. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

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I have the honor to transmit
rewith for adjustment the
rdinary Defence Account of the
uperintendent of the U. S. Assay
ffice at New York City, for the
nonth of April. 1875.

Very respectfully.
H. Kelsinderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon.
Disb Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Disbursing Officer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte. N.C. for the month of April. 1905.

Very respectfully.

J. P. Kinsella

Director.

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May 12, 5.

My dear Sir,

Your despatch requesting, on behalf of the Executive Committee, for additional Silver Medals to be struck, bronzed, they could be delivered by the 20th inst., was received this morning, and after Communicating by telegraph with the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, I replied that the Medals (additional) could be struck and forwarded in time.

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The music is a very beautiful one and not less expression than beautiful.

Truly Yours,
H. Kalkbrenner
Minister

Hon Wm Johnston,
Charlotte N.C.

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Mar 12th 5

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

On the 16th of April last, I had the honor to receive from you copies of certain dispatches from the U. S. Consular Officers in China, relative to the various Dazis of that Empire, and their value as compared with the money of the United States, with the request that I would examine and return them to you, with such remarks in relation thereto as I might deem appropriate.

Notwithstanding the Chinese cast a coin of an alloy composed of copper, iron and tin, that Empire has in reality no coinage System, but there are certain fixed weights of Silver termed Taels, used in mercantile transactions, and consisting of at least ten different varieties

Much complication in bullion transactions at Chinese Ports arises from the fact that Sycee, or assumed pure Silver, which is made from

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the refining of American and Mexican Dollars, and other foreign coins, is not of uniform fineness, as it varies from 94 to 98 touch, or from 940 to 980 thousandths.

The Haikwan Tael appears to be the one employed in all Customs transactions. Authorities do not, however, agree as to its exact weight or fineness. Tate, an acknowledged modern British Authority, states the weight at 580 grains, troy; and the fineness 980 ‰, while other equally creditable authorities give the weight as 579 $\frac{84}{100}$, and the fineness varying from 940 ‰ to 980 ‰. The difference in weight is an unimportant fraction.

In estimating the value of the Haikwan or Customs Tael, I have taken 579 $\frac{84}{100}$ grains troy as the correct weight, and the fineness of the Sycee Silver at 980 ‰, which would give the value in Trade Dollars as $1.50,3.

The following Table exhibits the value at Sit of the principal ports, of the various taels, at the different rates of exchange

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ruling at those ports.

Haikwan Tael		Shanghai Tael		Canton Tael	
Port	Trade Dollar value	Ports	T. Dollar value	Port.	T. Dollar value
Ningpo	1.51,5	Ningpo	1.35,7	Canton	1.38,6
Teochow	1.39,5	Teochow	1.38,6		
Shanghae	1.52,8	Shanghae	1.31,9		
Amoy	1.53,4	Kinkiang	1.31,7		
Foochow	1.52,4				
Hankow	1.53,4				
Chefoo	1.50,5	Chefoo	1.34,4		"

Ningpo Tael		Hankow Tael		Kinkiang Tael.	
Ports	T. Dollar value	Ports	T. Dollar value	Port	T. Dollar value
Ningpo	1.43,2	Hankow	1,46,7	Kinkiang	1.38,6

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Fortunately for the United States, the successful introduction of the American Trade Dollar into, and its use at the principal ports of China, afford an easy solution of what might otherwise be a difficult question, inasmuch as it participates largely in the practical adjustment of Exchanges and payments, and is preferred by Chinese residents in San Francisco to all other forms of remittance.

I most respectfully suggest for the consideration of the Department, the propriety of instructing our Consuls at the different Chinese Ports, to certify the value of all Invoices of goods exported to this country, in American Dollars.

The enclosures are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be,

very respectfully

W. B. Lindemann

Director

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May 12th 5

Hon. C. A. Dickson

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I have to request that you will cause a Transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, to that of the Mint U. S. Philadelphia, of the sum of One Hundred and Sixty two 77/100 Dollars ($ 161,532.97) payable in 127,694.05 ounces fine Silver bars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

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May 12. 5

Col Wm Johnston Charlotte N.C.

Three Hundred additional silver medals will be struck and forwarded in time

Large Rect. dept.
W.B.L.

H Robinderman
Director Mint

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May 12th 5-

Sir

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official.

"Three hundred additional Silver medals will be struck and forwarded in time."

Very respectfully
A Roudeman
Director

Col. Wm Johnston
Charlotte
N. C.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer-in-Charge of the U.S. Mint at Denver Colorado, for the month of April, 1875.

Very respectfully.
A. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. N. Mahon,
Disb. Auditor.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of a letter received this day from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. in relation to the manner of computing Water Rent in that City.

Very Respectfully.
W. Kelly
Director.

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Geo. W. Ward Esqr
Philadelphia
Sir.

Your account
for preparing by direction
of Prof R. E. Rogers a full
set of working Drawings of Refin
ery at the New Mint, San Francisco
has been approved and
referred to the Supervising
Architect for payment.

Very respectfully
W. Kelsey Schaarman
Director

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Mr. G. B. Newton
303 Walnut St. Philadelphia

Sir

During my recent visit to the Philad.a
think I had some conversation with you
respecting the shipments of Anthracite Coal to
San Francisco for the use of the Mints on the
Pacific Coast. You expressed the opinion
that what is known as Wyoming coal would
be the best quality for our purpose
attainable for the present, and until the
protracted strike of the miners should
over, and work resumed at Buck Mountain,
Conual Ridge, and Stockton mines.

Please inform me a

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attainable for the present, and until the
protracted strike of the miners should be
over, and work resumed at Buck Mountain,
Conual Ridge, and Stockton Mines.

Please inform me a-

what price, and how soon you will undertake
to ship by Sailing Vessel, via Cape Horn,
to the U.S. Mint, San Francisco, 450 tons
Wilkesbarre Coal - grate size, and 25 tons
Ingot Copper, Refinery of Pope, Cole & Co
Baltimore, suitable for alloying gold
Coin. Also furnish me the rates
for freight &c.

As verbally Explained to you, the
foregoing articles are intended for the use of the
Mints at San Francisco and Carson during the
next fiscal year, and if furnished by you
will be settled here, out of next years appro-
priation, which becomes available on and
after July 1st. next.

Very respectfully.
A. R. Lindauer
Director

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Rear Admiral C. H. Davis

Dear Sir

Acknowledging
receipt of ~~fi~~ your letter of the 10th inst, asking
that the diameter and thickness of the
Draper Medal may be sent to Mr. Bushnell,
New York, I have this day sent the
information as requested.

Supt. Pollock states, the diameter
will be 1 7/8 inches, and the thickness about
3/16 inch, but the latter will be somewhat
regulated by the limit of gold ordered to be used.

Very respectfully

J. Rhunderman

Director

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Charles J Stanch Esqr
Philadelphia

Sir.

Your account for Model, and plaster casts of Life Saving Medal of the Second Class, has been approved and properly referred for payment, which will be made you in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully
J. R. Vandenburgh
Director

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May 13th 5—

Sir;

If practicable I will thank you to have the working Drawings of Refinery at the New Mint San Francisco, prepared under your direction by George M Hard Esq of Philadelphia or Traced Photographed for the use of this Office

Very respectfully
A. Roudenbush
Director

Prof R. E. Rogers
Supt Construction Refining
& Assaying
San Francisco

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May 13th 5—

Sir:

Your account for the
quarter ending March 31st
1875 has been received and
referred to the accounting
Officers for settlement.

Very respectfully
H Kolbenheyer
Director

Prof R H Raymond,
U S Commr Mining Statistics
New York

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May 13th 5—

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 11th instant enclosing
Account, and Bill of Lading for
Four Trucks &c shipped U.S.S. Mount at
Francisco is received.
Should thank you to render your
account in duplicate.

Very respectfully
J. Edmondson
Director

Messrs Wm L Boyer & Bro
Philadelphia
Pa

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Sir

Rear Admiral C.H. Davis of this City, having requested that I should furnish You with the thickness and diameter of the Draper Medal, I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Philada Mint, giving the information desired.

Very respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
A. Bolinderman
Director

E. L. Burlingame Esq.
551 Broadway
New York

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May 13th 5

Messrs Powers & Weightman
Philadelphia

Gentlemen.

Your account for 12 Lags
of their Pots Shipped by you to the Mint
of the U.S at San Francisco is received.
I thank you to render the account
in duplicate, and transmit Bill Lading
to this Office

Very respectfully
J. Ross Snowden
Director

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May 14th 5

Sir

Your letter of April 19th. enclosing sample of ore, is received.

The Mint Charge for Assaying ore, is Five Dollars. On receipt of that amount, the result of the assay will be transmitted to you in due course of business.

Respectfully

A. B. Lindemann

Director

William Smith, Esq.
Care G. W. Bailey.
Phoenix P.O.
Jackson Co.
Oregon

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Sir

May 14th 5

I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, relative to the valuation of the Silver Rouble of Russia, and reply as follows.

In the Circular issued by the Department Jany. 1. 1874. the value of the Russian Silver Rouble was fixed in our money of account at 77.17 cents. This valuation was based on the assumption that the relative value of Silver and Gold was as 15½ to 1.

In computing the value of the Standard foreign Silver Coins for

the year 1873, it became necessary to take into account the decline which had taken place in Silver relatively to Gold, during the last few year, and the nominal value of the American Trade Dollar corresponding with the average Gold value in the London market during the year 1874 of the quantity of pure silver it contains, it was decided to measure the value of foreign Silver coins by the Silver dollar referred to, and under which rate of valuation, the value of the Silver Rouble in the Circular of Jany. 1. 1875 was fixed at 73,4 cents.

The weight of the Trade Dollar is 420 grains troy,

9/10 fine, or 378 grains fine silver, and being stamped a Dollar in U. S. Money gives the relative value of Silver to Gold as 16.27 to 1.

I enclose Circular of Jany 1. 1875, proclaiming the value of foreign standard coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

E. S. Orme Esq.
551 Broadway
New York

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May 14 5

Sir

Acknowledging receipt of your dispatch of this date, I regret to state that previous Engagements which will require all of to morrow to fill, will prevent my attendance at the meeting of your Committee.

I am, very respectfully
H. Lindenmeyer
Director

George Fisher Esq.
President, First National Bank
Philadelphia

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May 14th 5

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst accompanied by your report upon the Consolidated Virginia and California Silver Mines of Nevada, is received. for which be pleased to accept my thanks.

Very respectfully
H. Kellersberger
Director

Jules Burton Esq
San Francisco
Cal.

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May 14th 5

Sir.

Your letter of the 12th instant returning your account for Balances and Weights furnished by this Office has been received, examined and referred to the proper accounting Officer for settlement and in the course of a few days a draft will be sent you for the amount.

Very respectfully

H Linderman

Director

Henry Troemner Esq
710 Market Street
Philadelphia
Pa

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Gentlemen

You are requested to ship by rail to "J. C. Sacramento, Cal." five tons of Ingot Copper of the best quality.

The Copper is required for the Mint at Carson, and you will be kind enough to transmit your bill in duplicate to this Office in the name of that Mint, contract for freight at through Rates, procure Bill of Lading in duplicate, and transmit the same to this Office with your accounts.

Messrs Pope, Cole & Co
Baltimore

Very respectfully
J. Ross Snowden
Director

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May 15th 5

Hon W.H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir;

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of One hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150.000) in Subsidiary Silver Coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States, the Charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from the "Silver Profit Fund" thereof.

Very respectfully

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May 15th 5

Prof R. H. Raymond
U.S. Comm Mining Statistics
New York

Sir:

Referring to the verbal request made by you when here a few days since, that you be furnished with 200 copies of your last report when printed I have to inform you that it will be necessary for you to make your application in writing to the Secretary of the Treasury for the same.

Very respectfully
J. H. Linderman
Director

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May 17. 5

Hon Wm Johnston Charlotte N. C.

The additional Medals will be forwarded from Philadelphia to night or tomorrow

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
W. Kelly

W. Kelly
Treasurer of the Mint

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Sir

I write on behalf of Congress, John Hancock of the City of Detroit, is entitled to a Medal which having been from Romney &c.

I have addressed a letter to the gentleman named, but failing to receive a reply, I take to ask you to be so kind as to forward his address to this Office, in order that I may correspond with him upon the subject of the proposed medals.

Post Master
Detroit
Mich.

Very respectfully
H. B. Lenderman
Director

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Mrs. C. T. Phillips, San Francisco, Cal.

Can do nothing at present.

Chf. Fay. Dept

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H Vanderslice
Director

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W. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I am informed by the Superintendent of the Mint U. S. New Orleans of the arrival at that port of the Steamer "Hanover" from Havre, having on board as part of her cargo, two boxes containing "Chemical Apparatus" for the New Orleans Mint.

I have the honor to request that the apparatus may be admitted free of duty at the Custom House, New Orleans, the same being for the use of the Assay Department of the Mint.

Very respectfully

W. Robinson

Director

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May 17th 8

Gentlemen

Your account for Platform Trucks ordered by Prof R.B. Rogers for the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for Settlement and in the course of a few days a draft will be remitted you for the amount $310.

Very respectfully

J. R. Snowden

Director

Messrs Wm L Boyer & Bro
Philadelphia

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May 5

Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for action the Ordinary Account of the Disbursing Agent in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City for April. 1895.

Your attention is called to the overpayment of $0.77 in computing the amount of compensation due Hannah P. Adelman, Watchman, for 23 days service at $200.00 per annum.

Very respectfully,
J. Kendrick Bellamy
Director

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May 17th 8—

Prof R. E. Rogers
San Francisco

Sir.

Enclosed herewith find Treas-
ury Draft to A6536 for $191.87 for your
in payment of your account of appear-
ances to this Office for two days service

Very respectfully
Yr Obdt servt
[illegible]
Director

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May 17th 35

Gentlemen

Your account for Carbonic Ac
shipped the U.S. Mint at San Francisco
has been approved and referred to the proper
accounting Offices for Settlement and in the
course of a few days a draft will be sent
you for the amount. $138.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Dr Robert Patterson

Messrs Powers & Weightmans
Philadelphia
Pa

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May 18th 5

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at San Francisco, to that of the U.S. Assay Office at New York, of One Million Seventeen Thousand and Eighteen 22/100 dollars ($1.017.018 22) payable in 505.422.40 ozs Doré Silver purchased by the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco and refined by the Assay Office New York. and containing gold of the Coining value of $407.758.93 and Silver of the value of $609.259.29.

Very respectfully

H. Linderman

Director

Hon W.H. Wrighton

Secretary of the Treasury

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May 18th 1855

Henry G. Morris Esqr.
Philadelphia

Sir.

Your letter of the 17th instant enclosing in duplicate Bill Lading for Cast Iron Pots Shipped by the Mint San Francisco received

On the 1st of May your account for the Pots above mentioned was received at this Office, and referred to Prof. Rogers for approval, and I regret to inform you that the same has not been returned by him. You will therefore remind him, and transmit duplicate of the account to this Office.

Very respectfully

J. R. Snowden

Director

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May 18, 5

L. A. Garnett, 416 Montgomery St
San Francisco,

Will consider proposition for sale to us at
Carson Mint of one to five hundred Thousand
Dollars unparted Comstock bullion to be
transfered East for parting, payment by
checks on San Francisco.

Chief Clerk.
W. B. L.

W. Linderman
Director of the Mint

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May 19th 5

Your letter of the 17th inst
of the Treasury
referred to this Office, and
to your inquiries as follows:

I have never heard
a reward for the discovery of
within the United States and
offered by the public authorities,
that such a proposition had
ever introduced in Congress.

The first discovery of tin
within the Territory of the United
States, was made many years
since by President Hitchcock,
State Geologist at Goshen, Mass.
See Final Report on the Geology

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May 18. 5—

St James Hotel
New York City

not coming here soon I
New York this week to see you.
with you picking some
Harrison. Answer

W. R. Sanderson
Director Mint

of Massachusetts 1-205.

For particulars as to from which tin is generally found, see Chapter V. "Tin", Section 1, Spay 198, Whitney & Metallic Wealth of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Stephen D. Russell Jr.
54 West 9th St.
New York.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT.

May 19th

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 18th instant covering your bill in duplicate and duplicate Bill of Lading for 10.000 lbs Ingot Copper shipped the U.S. Mint at Carson Nevada is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement and in due course of business a draft will be transmitted upon for the amount $2.300.

Very respectfully
A. R. Linderman
Director

Messrs Pope Leod & Co
Baltimore, Md

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May 19th 8—

Prof. R. H. Raymond

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Very respectfully
H Lindeman
Director

understand that it has been decided to divide
[illegible] copies (donated to be received for the Secretary of Commerce)
[illegible] Bureau of Animal Industry [illegible] 250 copies. L.

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May 19th 8—

Col R. H. Raymond
U.S. Commissioner Mining Statistics
New York

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant enclosing duplicate receipt of Bills for $750. belonging to Jones Mac Donald for the first quarter 1878 is received. Your letter of the 18th instant making a request for as many copies of your last report as could be spared, has been submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully

J. H. Linderman

Director

Understand that it has been decided to divide 500 copies (printed & to be printed for the Secretary & Commissioner) with you, which of course will give you 250 copies. L.

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May 19. 5

R. Jones. St James Hotel,
New York,

Call at United States Assay
tomorrow any hour between twelve
three P.M. Important to see you. I
over to-night.

Yours: &c.

H Linderman
Director Mint

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Treasury Department,
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

May 19 5

Dear Sir

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of yesterday, I have to day instructed the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to return to George Foggin Esq, New Orleans the box of coins belonging to the Estate of the late Professor Chilton

Very respectfully
A. R. Linderman
Director

Hon J. Durant Esq.
Washington
D. C.

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Treasury Department
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

May. 19 1875

Hon. D. M. Mahon.
First Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Branch Mint Carson City, Nevada, for the month of April. 1875.

Very respectfully.
J. Pickernell
Director.

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May 19 5

Sir

I send herewith for your information, copy of a letter addressed to the Supt of the Mint San Francisco, relative to the Employment of workmen in the construction of the new Refinery.

Very respectfully
A. Robinderman
Director

Prof R. E. Roger
Supt Mint
San Francisco

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May 19. 5-

Balbach & Son, Smelting Works
Newark, N. J.

Please meet me at Assay office
New York City about noon tomorrow
Chas Lees dept.
H B L

H. R. Linderman
Secretary Mint

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May 20th 8 —

Messrs Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia

Gentlemen

When you ship the
paper Cancelled or retired somehow since
the Carson Mint, I have to request
that you will have the boxes containing
the same marked simply "J. C. Sacra
mento Cal'a"

You will ship at through freight
rates and send duplicate Bills Lading
to this Office.

Very respectfully
W. L. Lewis
Acting Director

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

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May 20th 8—

Henry G Morris Esqr
Philadelphia

Sir,

Your letter of the 19th instant
relating duplicate Invoice of Cast Iron
to Shipped by you to the U.S. Mint at
San Francisco is received.

Your account has been approved and
referred to the proper accounting Officers
for settlement, and in due course of bus-
iness a draft will be transmitted you
for the amount. $295.65.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Acting Director

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May 21st 5—

Hon W.L.M. Burton
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of One hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) in Subsidiary Silver Coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States, the Charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from the "Silver Profit Fund" thereof.

Very respectfully

M.L.D. Boyd
Acting Director

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May 21st 5

H. R. Linderman
Mint Philadelphia

Its dispatches received from West.

Chief. Treas Dept.
Wash

Mr. Davis
Acting Secretary

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May 21st 5

Messrs Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 18th instant enclosing duplicate receipted Bills and B/L for 118 Copper Cannon shipped by you to the Navy at Pearson Navy Yard is received. Your account has been allowed and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement and in due course of mail a draft will be transmitted you for the amount $857.00 I will thank you to forward a duplicate Bill Lading in order that I may transmit the same to the Superintendent of the Navy at Pearson

Very respectfully
W. L. Hurd
Actg Director

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

May 24 5

Sir

Acknowledging your letter of the 20th inst, I have concluded to defer making a shipment of coal to San Francisco until a cargo of Council Ridge, Buck Mountain or Sugar Loaf Coal can be obtained at fair rates.

When you are prepared to furnish Buck Coal, please inform this Office, stating terms, freight &c.

Very respectfully

H. Linderman

Director

Geo. L. Newton Esq
303 Walnut St
Philadelphia

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May 22d 1865

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant to the Superintendent of the Phila mint requesting a copy of the last annual report of the Director of the mint has been by that officer referred to this office.

I forward to your address by 6 days mail the Report as requested.

I am Sir very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

L. W. Greene Esq
87 Fall street.
Seneca Falls N.Y.

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Treasury Department
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

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May 22d 5

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I have to acknowledge reference to this Office of a letter from the Secretary of State, enclosing copy of a dispatch dated April 23. 1875 from the Minister of the United States at Paris, forwarding a letter from Mr. Loubat, requesting a bronze reproduction of a photograph of both sides of the Metis and Life Saving Medals, voted by joint resolutions of Congress, approved February 24. 1873, and June 20. 1874, respectively.

The engraving of the dies for the Life Saving Medal of the 1st class, has been completed, and it is expected that the dies for the Metis Medal, and Life Saving Medal of

the Second Class will be completed by July 1. 1875.
Soon after which a copper bronze copy of
Each Medal will be forwarded to Mr. Lauck
Without any Expense to him, and which will
fully answer for the purpose he requires

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

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May 4th

Hon. Moses H. Field
Detroit, Mich.

Sir

Your letter of the 2d inst. enclosing photographs of Johnston Jr. has been received.

The preparation of the dies for the Medal will be commenced at once, and you will be informed of the completion of the Medal in time to allow the Citizens of Detroit to provide for a suitable Ceremony on its presentation

Very respectfully

A. L. Linderman

Director

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May 2nd 5

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst. relative to the disposition of the Effects of the Charlotte Smith, has been received.

In respect to the disposition of the Machinery, apparatus, fixtures, furniture, carpets &c, No conclusion will be arrived at, until you shall have presented a detailed inventory of the same, to this Office.

You state that Eleven (11) packages of Specie, Estimated to Contain 2725 pounds, Valued at $388.75, are now at the Charlotte Mint. Before deciding as to the proper disposition of these

Sir:- I desire to be informed now as to the Costs transporting them to Newark N.J. or New York City.

You may comply with these instructions by a preliminary report and remain in Charlotte until further advised, reserving your suggestions in relation to the proper disposition of the Mint property for your final Report.

I will be glad if you would send on your preliminary report immediately. in order that I may take necessary action thereon, before proceeding to the West.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Dir.

Jno. H. Wheeler Esq.

U. S. Assay Office

Charlotte. N. C.

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New York May 24th 5th

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst. in which you state that the photograph requested by my letter of the 10th inst. would be forwarded to this Office by Hon. James W. Field.

The photograph arrived this morning, and steps will be taken at once, to have the medal completed at an Early day.

Very respectfully

J. R. Lambert

John Hom Jr.
Attorney

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Sir -

Telegrams in the following words
Sent You this day, to Lucky Jones & Jackson

Superintendent of Mint requests estimates
as to receiving deposits of Gold Silver for
Gold Coins and Trade Dollars. The Mint
can only meet such demands to the Extent
to which Your Company works can
Justify the Coinage. In what manner can
demands of depositors be best met
without Jeopardizing to Extent of Existing
facilities. Reply by Telegraph

Yours respy
J. Roberts

Supt

L. A. Garnett Esq
416 Montgomery St
San Francisco

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May 24 5

L. A. Garnett, 416 Montgomery St.
San Francisco. Cal.

Superintendent of Mint requests instructions as to receiving deposits of Doré Silver for gold coins and Trade Dollars. The Mint can only meet such demands to the extent to which your Company's works can part the bullion. In what manner can demands of depositors be best met without partiality to extent of parting facilities. Reply by telegraph

W. B. Lederman
Director

Chge Treasy Dept.

W R R

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May 5

Maj. George A. Forsyth
9th Cavalry U.S.A.
Chicago

Sir

Your letter of the 22d ult. recommending Mr. William Mann for the position of Quarter and Register at Helena, Montana, has been received and filed in this Office, and will be duly Considered when the appointments are about to be made.

Respectfully
H. Linderman
Director

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Treasury Department,
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT.

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May 24 5

Sir

I Enclose herewith Copy of letter from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, in which that Officer Suggests the procuring of the assent of your Committee to the striking of Copies of the Mecklenburg Medal in Silver and Bronze, to be Sold on Government account.

Regarding the dies of the Medal referred to, as the Exclusive property of your Committee, I respectfully request to be informed whether applicants for the Medals may be referred to you.

Thos H. Dudley Esq.
Secretary, Committee
Centennial Association

Very respectfully
W. R. Linderman
Director

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May 20th

A. Norman Esq
Guildford. Surrey.
England.

Sir:

The receipt of your favor of the 13th instant was a great pleasure to me. I had read with much interest the valuable Tables in reference to Weight of Coins. Exchanges &c &c. received from you in the early part of the year.

It is, I think to be regretted that the statistics &c contained in those tables, could not be placed more generally before the public.

There appears to be a wide-spread ignorance, or disregard of the fundamental principals which underlies International Exchanges, and hence the value of contributions like yours, in which the principals

referred to. (pure metal against pure metal,) is so clearly stated.

I am continuing my investigations, commenced in 1878. as to mint charges, &c. of various ~~matters~~ nations and shall embody what I have collected since June 30. 1874. in my Annual Report for 1875. (year ending June 30. proximo.) I shall be glad to furnish you with a copy of this Report after it shall have been printed.

I am preparing to leave in a few days for the Pacific Coast, and am compelled to defer answering the inquiries you make until after my return, say in August when I shall have the honor of again addressing you. In the meantime I take the liberty of sending you a few printed documents on various questions connected with money, (precious metals) and which I trust will repay you for the trouble of reading them.

I am Sir very truly

H. R. Linderman

Director

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May 25th 1

Sir.

I have to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office New York to that of the Mint, U.S. Philadelphia of the sum of One hundred and thirty three thousand eight hundred and ninety two 11/100 Dollars ($133.892.11) payable in 105843.80 fine Silver bars.

Very respectfully

A. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. W. H. Wilson
Secretary of the Treasury

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May. 25 5

Hon. D. McMahon
First Auditor.

Sir.

I transmit herewith Gold Bullion Certificates *2058. and *2111. belonging to Bullion Account of the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint for the Fourth Quarter. 1874.

Very respectfully.
A Kleinschmidt
Director.